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Robyn Julien, CEO Save the Family Foundation of Arizona 125 E University Dr. Mesa, Arizona 85201

RE: Phoenix Scholar House - Save The Family/Brinshore Development

Dear Ms. Julien,

On behalf of the Maricopa County Community College District, I write to voice our support for Phoenix Scholar House, a proposed living-learning community at 2950 N. 18th Place in Phoenix. The development will address a critical need by combining housing with educational opportunities for parents and their children.

Like many Community College Systems, our student parents face nearly insurmountable obstacles with the cost of housing and it threatens their ability to pursue post-secondary degree opportunities. Phoenix Scholar House will provide supportive services and high-quality affordable housing that will dramatically increase a student parent's chance to graduate successfully and increase their income potential with a family-sustaining wage.

Phoenix Scholar House will serve families seeking post-secondary education, certification, work-study or apprenticeship opportunities with wrap-around services provided by Save the Family. This workforce development program will provide economic opportunities for multiple generations of Phoenix families helping to end the generational cycle of poverty.

The Maricopa County Community College District looks forward to being a partner in your efforts to increase economic and educational opportunities for our students and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven R. Gonzales

Chancellor

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