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The Honorable Pat Quinn
Governor, State of Illinois
207 State House
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Dear Governor Quinn:

I write with an invitation to you to give the Welcome/Opening Remarks at Chicago Area Project's 75th Anniversary Conference on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at the University of Chicago's Gleacher Center in downtown Chicago.

Designed for academics, policymakers and practitioners, this two-day conference will include papers and roundtable discussions on interwoven themes underpinning the CAP model of community-building: positive youth development, delinquency prevention, and juvenile justice in the U.S. and cross-nationally. Presenters and discussants will offer perspectives which ground theory in current practice and community reality.

As you may know, more than seven decades ago, noted University of Chicago Sociologist Clifford Shaw developed an innovative approach to delinquency prevention through community action. He created the Chicago Area Project (CAP) to test this approach initially in three Chicago neighborhoods, and CAP has since grown to over the past 75 years to operate citywide, working with over 40 affiliate organizations and alliance partners to provide a broad range of programs, support community organizing, and engage in policy advocacy on issues that affect disadvantaged young people. Shaw's work, and CAP's activities over these years, has informed subsequent program development and action in many cities worldwide.

CAP has partnered with the University of Chicago to shape a conference in celebration of its anniversary, focusing on the evolution of, lessons learned by, and potential future directions for community-based approaches to

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youth engagement and development. Attached for your review is a conference outline listing presenters and topics. These are provisional at this point, but it will give you an idea, at any rate, of the basic intent and structure of the conference.

I would like to invite you to open the conference at 8:30 AM on Day 1 of the conference with remarks that reflect the importance of community engagement in the lives of youth. Your comments will set the stage for subsequent conference proceedings.

Please know that your contribution to this event would be invaluable, and we very much hope you will be able to accept this invitation. Should you have questions or require additional information, I can be reached via e-mail at dewhittaker@[redacted] by phone at 312.588.3802. You may also contact Cheryl Francis (312.588.3821) who is coordinating this conference at CAP and will be following up on this communication. Many thanks for your consideration of this invitation.

All the best,

David E. Whittaker

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Executive Director

Attachement
cc: Professor Rob Chaskin, University of Chicago

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75th Anniversary Conference on April 29-30, 2010
Working Draft Conference Outline
January, 2010

DAY ONE **Focus: Youth Development and Community Organizing**

Interweaving positive youth development, youth engagement and delinquency prevention from the perspective of community-building in the US and cross-nationally. Discussants, comprised of policy-makers, practitioners and youth, will offer perspectives which ground theory in current practice and community reality.

Registration and Continental breakfast (8:00 – 8:30)

Welcome & Greetings (8:30-8:40)

Patrick Quinn, Governor, State of Illinois

Overview of CAP (8:40-8:55)
Andrea Zopp. President, *CAP Board of Directors*
David Whittaker, *Executive Director*

Remarks
Moderator: Robert Chaskin. *University of Chicago*

Session I - Origins: History, Theory and Practice (9:00 – 10:45)

Moderator: Robert Chaskin. *University of Chicago*
Proposed Papers

1. Historical Roots and Guiding Principles: Community Organization, Youth Development, and the Chicago Area Project
   Steven Schlossman [Confirmed], *Carnegie-Mellon University*

2. Community-based approaches to youth development in the US
   Milbrey McLaughlin [Confirmed], *Stanford University*

Panel discussion (invited discussants from policy, practice, and youth perspectives)
Proposed discussants:
Karen Pittman [Confirmed], *Forum for Youth Investment*
Ralph Smith [INVITED], *Annie E. Casey Foundation*
Maria Krypriotou, [INVITED] UNESCO

Open discussion (questions and responses from audience, panel, and presenters)

BREAK (10:45 – 11:00)

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Session II - Youth Participation and Young People as Agents of Change (11:00 – 1:00)

Moderator: Robert Chaskin. *University of Chicago*

Proposed Papers

1. Theoretical underpinnings and arguments
   Barry Checkoway [Confirmed], *University of Michigan*

2. Youth Participation in Action: Citizenship, Democracy and Youth Organizing
   Melvin Delgado [Confirmed], *Boston University*

3. A Cross-national Perspective
   Pat Dolan [Confirmed], National University of Ireland Galway

Panel discussion (invited discussants from policy, practice, and youth perspectives)
Proposed discussants:
Maria de los Angeles Torres, [Confirmed] Latin American & Latino Studies, *UIC*
William Buster, Program Officer, [Confirmed] *Kellogg Foundation*
Youth Practitioner

Open discussion (questions and responses from audience, panel, and presenters)

LUNCH (1:00 – 2:15)

Session III - Approaches to Delinquency Prevention (2:15 – 4:15)

Moderator: Robert Chaskin. University of Chicago

Proposed papers

1. "Implementation Challenges in Designing Delinquency Prevention Strategies Around the Concept of Positive Youth Development."
   Jeff Butts [Confirmed], Public/Private Ventures

2. Restorative Justice
   Gordon Bazemore [Confirmed], Florida Atlantic University

3. Community Development
   Todd Clear [Confirmed], John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Panel discussion (invited discussants from policy, practice, and youth perspectives)
Professor Ivory Toldson, [Confirmed] *School of Education, Department of Human Development and Psychoeducational Studies , Howard University*
Kay Pranis, *Peacemaking Circles*, [Confirmed] formerly Restorative Justice Planner, Minnesota Department of Corrections
Youth Practitioner

Open discussion (questions and responses from audience, panel, and presenters)

CAP ANNIVERSARY DINNER (6-8:30 PM)

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DAY TWO **[Focus – Policy: Efforts to Develop Sustainable & Just Solutions for Youth in Community]**

Roundtable discussions led by policy-makers and practitioners involved with juvenile justice will provide insights into the strategic direction and priorities for national and local legislation in the coming years. Audience engagement will enhance this exchange.

Registration and Continental Breakfast (8:00 – 8:30)

Welcome & Greetings (8:30-8:40)

Richard Daley, Mayor, City of Chicago

Introductions and Acknowledgments (8:40 - 8:45)
Moderator: Peter Hunt, *former Executive Director, Chicago Area Project*

Session IV – *Youth Policy: A Juvenile Justice Perspective* (9:00 – 9:45)

Marion Wright Edelman, *President, Children's Defense Fund*
Eric Holder, [INVITED] *U.S. Attorney General*
Jeff Slowikowski [INVITED], *Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention*

BREAK (9:45 – 10:00)

Session V – *Roundtable Discussion* (10:00 – 12:30)

[Panel in Formation]

Local Solutions:

State of Illinois – Barbara Flynn Currie,
Michelle Saddler, Secretary, IDHS
City of Chicago - Mary Ellen Carron [INVITED], Commissioner, City of Chicago – DFSS
Ron Huberman, Superintendent, Chicago Public Schools
Business/Civic Community – Exelon
Philanthropy – Chicago Community Trust/United Way
Nonprofit – CAP Affiliate

LUNCH (12:30 – 1:30)

Tour of CAP Chicago Neighborhoods and CAP Affiliates (1:30 - 3:00)

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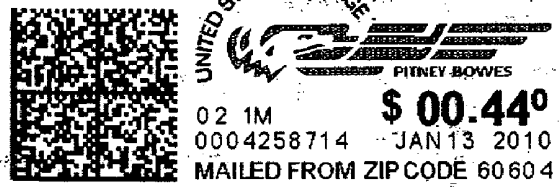

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