

SFF Steans Family Foundation

Martin Nesbitt, Chairman
The Barack Obama Foundation
300 East Randolph Street, Suite 4030
Chicago, Illinois 60601

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Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

The Steans Family Foundation (SFF) is honored to partner with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)-North Lawndale partnership in the bid and consideration of hosting the Barack Obama Presidential Library. UIC's vision, coupled with the North Lawndale community and partnerships, creates a strong team in support of a presidential library and museum corridor that would link public transportation, UIC's academics and the North Lawndale community.

It is exciting to be a part of such an important and transformative project. SFF strongly believes the UIC-North Lawndale presidential corridor will serve as a testament of inclusiveness, revitalization and renewal – life changing principles shared by the Steans Family Foundation, UIC, North Lawndale and the President.

The Steans Family Foundation concentrates its grant making and programs in North Lawndale and works in partnership with local residents and institutions to build and enhance the community. The Foundation's work supports the idea that effective revitalization can occur within the embedded social and economic networks that create and sustain communities.

In strong support of the UIC-North Lawndale proposal, the Steans Family Foundation will commit \$5 million over the next five years if North Lawndale is the chosen site for the Barack Obama Presidential Library. The Steans Family Foundation will consider increasing its committed contribution if the needs of the project dictate it.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to the opportunities ahead.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Ford", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Patricia Ford
Executive Director