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Joan Costello, Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Costello,

I am writing to advise you that the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission is in full support of the Habitat for Humanity Beloved Community Initiative.

The Beloved Community was a vision that Dr. King believed could be attained when a critical mass of people committed to and trained in the philosophy and methods of nonviolence. In his global vision, homelessness and hunger will not exist, and racism and prejudice will be replaced by the inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood.

The New Mexico Martin Luther King Jr. State Commission thanks Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity for introducing this nationwide Beloved Community initiative to Albuquerque. I understand that it was established by Habitat for Humanity in partnership with The King Center's MLK 50 Forward challenge, to bring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of access, equality and opportunity for all into action through a series of projects including the construction of new affordable homes, critical home repairs and neighborhood revitalization initiatives.

Due to time constraints, my direct participation with the Beloved Community initiative will be minimal; however, I am in full support of the building a Beloved Community House and creating a network to reach further into Albuquerque's low-income communities of color to engage low-income families in the process of becoming Habitat homeowners.

Please email information regarding Beloved Community meetings and events and, when possible, the MLK Jr. Commission will share announcements and posts with our constituency via our website, social media, and email, to inform and engage them in volunteering, donating, and applying for a Habitat for Humanity home. I also hope that I will be able to represent the MLK Commission at some of the Beloved Community events.

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Many thanks to the volunteers, supporters and staff of Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity for changing the lives of low-income families in Bernalillo County through homeownership. The MLK Jr. Commission is proud to support the Beloved Community initiative.

Sincerely,

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