

December 14, 2016

Chelsea Favero, AICP  
Forward Pinellas  
310 Court Street  
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Re: Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Grant Application - Drew Street Complete Street  
Concept Plan

Dear Ms. Favero:

The InterCultural Advocacy Institute fully supports the City of Clearwater's application for the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets grant for Drew Street. The residents and businesses within the Drew Street corridor stand to substantially benefit from a plan that considers safety and convenience for all users of the street.

Addressing pedestrian and bicycle safety are critical importance to our organization. Many of our clients are families from neighborhoods along Drew Street. Many of these families do not have reliable access to a vehicle, so a good part of their day is spent walking and biking to destinations or to catch the bus. Children from these neighborhoods are more likely to walk to school and many navigate Drew Street at some point during their twice daily trip.

A better walking and biking environment would increase foot and bicycle traffic on Drew Street. That translates to a larger "walk up" customer base for the many small, ethnically diverse businesses lining Drew street. We have long envisioned this corridor as a vibrant, welcoming district that proudly showcases the food, wares, music, and services of Clearwater's multicultural community.

We are hopeful that the City of Clearwater will be awarded the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets grant and are eager to assist the city in engaging the whole community in developing the Drew Street concept plan.

Sincerely,

Sandra Lyth, CEO

cc: Mayor George Cretekos, City Council, City of Clearwater  
William Horn, City Manager, City of Clearwater  
Ellen Crandall, Planning & Development Department, City of Clearwater