



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

Community Health Sciences

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Prevention Research Center at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine is pleased to support the Friends of Lafitte Corridor in their advocacy of the creation of a greenway from the French Quarter to Canal Boulevard.

The Prevention Research Center at Tulane is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and is part of a network of centers that conduct applied research in better ways to promote health. Since Hurricane Katrina, the Prevention Research Center has been working with other organizations in New Orleans to try to rebuild a healthier city.

According to a survey of New Orleans residents that we completed, many of the neighborhood features that residents want to be built tend to promote health. For example, they ranked highly neighborhoods that have low crime rates, are walkable, and have parks and playgrounds, all of which tend to encourage physical activity outdoors.

We have been working with our community partners to advocate for neighborhood features like these to be included as funded projects in plans for the rebuilding of New Orleans. The Lafitte Corridor greenway is just such a feature and will be an important part of the rebuilding of New Orleans as a healthier city. When it is built, we have a standing offer to evaluate its impact on the physical activity of New Orleans residents.

Thank you for taking on this important project. Do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas Farley'.

Thomas Farley MD MPH
Director
Prevention Research Center