

May 7, 2019

Sarah Augustine  
Executive Director  
Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties  
132 North First Avenue  
Yakima, WA 98901

Dear Sarah,

The Yakima City Council is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Dispute Resolution Center's (DRC) grant application to the Yakima Valley Community Foundation to establish a network of local businesses and organizations struggling with homeless issues.

The funds would be used to bring together the downtown community in partnership with service providers to address the issues of homeless individuals. Currently, the Yakima Police Department (YPD) is being relied on to respond to homeless complaints. Having a coordinated effort in which businesses could gather and discuss issues to mitigate difficult situations would benefit the community and also relieve some of the numerous calls for service YPD is currently faced with.

The Dispute Resolution Center is experienced in organizing and developing networks, hosting meetings and facilitating difficult situations. Therefore, the Yakima City Council is confident the DRC is the best agency for establishing this network and supports its grant request.

Sincerely,

Kathy Coffey  
Mayor