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**IN RE: PUERTA DE TIERRA WALKWAY
CALAF STREET-LAS MONJAS CONNECTOR**

Dear Mrs. Grace M. Santana:

The Puerto Rico National Parks Company (PRNPC) is aware of the intention of the Infrastructure Financing Authority (IFA) to submit a grant proposal for the abovementioned project under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), program.

Please be advised that the PRNPC fully endorses the IFA efforts so as to provide urban infrastructure that will aid Puertorrican citizens improve their quality of life and means of transportation.

The PRNPC is a public corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico which has the responsibility of preparing the Puerto Rico State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). This document establishes the public policy for the provision of recreation opportunities and measures the demand for outdoor recreation projects. The 2014-2019 SCORP clearly emphasizes as a major objective to “Design, construct and maintain a sustainable network of trails and greenways”. Particularly specifies in the Objective 4.3, (Promote the design and implementation of an active transportation system), that “An active transportation system consist of trails, bicycle paths, pedestrian paths and greenways. The implementation of an active transportation system would stimulate the economy through job creation, the development of commercial business, and by boosting real estate values located close to the active transportation infrastructure”.

The Puerta de Tierra Walkway and Calaf-Las Monjas Connector definitely falls in the PRNPC strategic planning efforts. As a matter of fact, the Marti Coll Bicycle Path bordering el Caño Martin Peña right in the middle of the Metropolitan Area, was the very first project developed by the PRNPC in the 80’s, pursuing a bike trail that would connect Rio Piedras (Botanical Garden), Luis Muñoz Marín Park, Central Park, Condado Lagoon, Luis Muñoz Rivera Park and all the way North to El Morro Castle in Old San Juan.

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The PRNPC considers that the project hereby submitted will have a significant economic impact, contribute to the physical health and wellbeing of our citizens and provide a new recreation alternative planned for years in San Juan Metropolitan Area.

We sincerely look forward for the grant approval.

Cordially,



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