

California State Senate

SENATOR
JIM BEALL

FIFTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



October 12, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Pastor Sonny Lara and the Firehouse Community Development Corporation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide gang intervention services to youth and young adults to ensure they are successful members of our community.

Founded in 2005, FireHouse has proven methods of reducing gang violence amongst youth by providing gang intervention, educational and recreational services. Igniting the passion within youth to succeed is the catalyst for success that drives this organization.

Through the leadership of their Executive Director, Pastor Sonny Lara, FireHouse provides neighborhood services essential to reducing gang violence and increasing collaboration amongst neighborhoods and their residents.

FireHouse has been a major influence in my Senatorial district, which includes East San Jose. I strongly encourage the support of Sonny Lara and FireHouse because he is making San Jose a safer place to live and most importantly giving our youngsters a way out of the violent cycle of poverty. I strongly commend his passion and commitment to empowering youth and strongly urge the financial and moral backing of this organization to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Beall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

State Senator Jim Beall

District 15