



May 8, 2020

Mrs. Leticia De Lara
Chief Executive Officer
Regional Access Project Foundation
41-550 Eclectic Street
Palm Desert, CA 92201

RE: Letter of Support for Alianza Coachella Valley

Dear Mrs. De Lara:

On behalf of Coachella Valley Parents, I am pleased to write in full support of Alianza Coachella Valley's Community Justice through Restorative Justice Campaign grant application to the Regional Access Project Foundation (RAP) in the amount of \$25,000.

Since 2015, Alianza has been devoted to implementing restorative justice at an expanding number of schools with the goal of reducing suspensions and expulsions and creating a learning environment that uses open dialogues to resolve conflicts. In the process, Alianza has engaged with community members, including parents and educators, to make sure all stakeholders are represented in the school district budget. After working in collaboration with community and Coachella Valley Unified, hundreds of parents from the communities of West Shores, Mecca, North Shore, Thermal, Oasis, and Coachella have been exposed to restorative justice practices via Lunadas or full moon circles, and Noche Familiares. However, only about five have been formally trained on all the components of restorative justice.

Alianza is well positioned to engage and build a strong network of advocates to ensure this initiative lives beyond the duration of the project. Its dedication to the community for the past decade is an affirmation of their commitment to the wellbeing of all residents. I am confident that this project will have an immense impact in the implementation and expansion of restorative justice way beyond the classroom.

We are pleased to work with Alianza to advance this work. As a partner, we applaud Alianza for its tremendous devotion to our communities and hope its application for funding meets your approval. Thank you for your consideration of this important project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at romanm397@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Mariana Roman

Mariana Roman, Parent Volunteer
CV Parents President