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Sent: 6/14/2019 7:12:54 AM
To: Sheneika Smith
Cc: Philip A. Cooper, Keithyoung@avlcouncil.com, Jaime Matthews
Subject: Re: Welcome Home Project

I would be glad to provide a letter, of course. Mr. Cooper, please work with Jaime, copied here, to get a letter drafted.

Thank you,
Esther

On Jun 14, 2019, at 7:39 AM, Sheneika Smith <sheneikasmith@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

Good Morning Esther,

Our friend, Change Agent Phillip Cooper, is leading a cool initiative and he needs your support. He's collaborating with local agencies to create a strong wrap-around of people, resources and services for newly released justice-involved individuals in order to support a more successful re-entry into our local community. The program is called the [Welcome Home Project](#) and is successful in other cities in our state.

Phillip is working hard to cover all the bases, "We have the food handled, the cell phone handled, toiletries handled, bus passes handled, and now we need a letter from the mayor." Program advocates think that a letter from you, welcoming this group of residents back home to their community and offering words of encouragement, would be a very powerful tool.

Phillip is copied here if you have questions,.

Sheneika

On Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 4:22 PM Philip A. Cooper <philipacooper@abtech.edu> wrote:

Happy Thursday,

I pray that all is well. I want you to know that I honor your positions that you hold in government. As popularity has become a challenge for me, I can only imagine how difficult it must be for you!

As you know, I am in the field, putting in work for the justice involved citizens of Buncombe County. My newest projects are housing advocacy and the Welcome Home Project, which is why I am emailing you. Durham is doing some powerful work with their [Welcome Home Project](#) and Chuck Manning has coached me along the way to establish one for us. I am working closely with Community Action Opportunities and we are already on the inside, ooooooh yeeeeeeah. We have the food handled, the cell phone handled, toiletries handled, bus passes handled, and now we need a letter from the mayor. I am now in need of a letter from the mayor, welcoming the justice involved citizens home. Can you assist with this need?

Iron Sharpens Iron,

Philip Cooper, CPSS

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