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BOSTON

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Hinlan Wong
Board of Review
City of Boston Assessing Department
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

RE: Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Community Benefits Report

Dear Ms. Wong:

On behalf of Suffolk University, I am pleased to submit the attached materials which evidence Suffolk University's continued commitment to providing community benefits to all of the neighborhoods of the City of Boston. This information contains an itemization of those community institutions and organizations with which Suffolk University has partnered with over the years by bringing Suffolk administrators, faculty and students together with community members in providing meaningful and relevant contributions to Boston's neighborhoods. A number of these organizations are referenced in the Community Partnership Database for 2022 and include neighborhood organizations from across the city.

In October 2022 Suffolk opened the Center for Career Equity, Development and Success which is one of Boston's most accessible and visible career development centers on the bustling corner of Tremont and Beacon Street. The front-facing location is just steps away from the city's top employers and in the heart of our downtown campus. With its new location, the Center for Career Equity, Development & Success is a vibrant hub for career planning, advising, networking, and interviewing for Suffolk students, as well as alumni and hundreds of local employer partners and the general public. The nearly 4,000-square-foot storefront space supports not only Suffolk students, but the talent needs of local companies, nonprofits, and financial district businesses

In addition to the comprehensive database of Community Partnerships, I am also pleased to provide you with Suffolk University's Report to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Report was prepared for 2019 and lists in great detail the efforts by the University to engage with the City's neighborhoods. Suffolk's ongoing commitment to community and service has earned the University its second Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, a designation held by only 359 higher education institutions nationwide. Specifically, Suffolk has established the Suffolk Center for Community Engagement which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year,

Community Partnerships with the mandate to insure that there is accountability and sustained partnership among our educators, students and the neighborhoods.

Suffolk has adopted the Carnegie Center's definition of community engagement as follows:

"Community engagement describes the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity. The purpose of community engagement is the partnership of college and university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good."

As set forth in the Report, Suffolk has sustained partnerships with the Museum of African American History, the Boston Public Schools, the Judiciary, Habitat for Humanity and many other entities which engage faculty and students in groundbreaking scholarship and community participation. Suffolk students log approximately 18,000 hours of community service each year. Furthermore, Suffolk has established centers, institutes and programs which work to benefit the public good, including the Center for Community Engagement, the Institute of Public Service, the Moakley Center for Public Management and the Ford Hall Forum. Significant areas of focus for the University's engagement include early childhood education and college preparedness largely through partnerships with the Boston Public Schools, as well as programs focused on education and opportunity, ongoing community partners include:

- TRIO programs: Upward Bound, preparing underserved high school(students-sic) to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits; Veteran's Upward Bound, designed to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other requisite skills necessary for acceptance and success in a program of postsecondary education; Ronald E. McNair Post baccalaureate Achievement Program projects designed to provide underserved college students with effective preparation for doctoral study.
- Jumpstart, which places highly motivated college students in preschool classrooms in low-income Boston-area communities to help children build the language, literacy and social skills that lead to school success.
- Boston Public Schools Dual Enrollment Program, which provides BPS high school students the opportunity to take college-level courses across many disciplines, taught by Suffolk faculty, that simultaneously satisfy high school credit requirements and college requirements. This collaboration also provides a unique and mentored opportunity for BPS students to become college-prepared by mentoring and advising them on career readiness, the college application process, and time and resource management. Suffolk University supports between twenty to forty Boston Public School (BPS) juniors and seniors each semester by providing free tuition, free books and college-ready programming.

- Research to examine the effectiveness of restorative practices school intervention in high-risk, high-need communities in Boston.

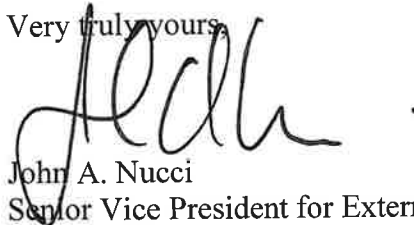
We are especially proud of the fact that in 2020 as COVID cases began to surface among the city's homeless population Suffolk responded by making Nathan R. Miller Residence Hall's 172 rooms available as a temporary shelter.

When classes were moved online, students found creative ways to help those in need through remote service-learning:

- In partnership with nonprofit CEEDS4Change, Suffolk students created the Head, Health, and Heart initiative to provide care packages of food, books, and mental health information to 200 families from four Boston public schools.
- Students in Suffolk's Cancer Care class continued to support families at Christopher's Haven, an organization that provides temporary homes for families while their children receive cancer care at Boston hospitals, through fundraising, grocery runs, and morale-boosting deliveries of handmade cards and balloons.

Suffolk aligns its business operations with the local economy and the community in many ways including working with the Boston Private Industry Council, the City of Boston's Mayor's Summer Jobs Program, and Summer iWorks. The University looks forward to continuing its community engagement with Boston's citizens, its neighborhoods, community organizations and Boston's school children.

Very truly yours,



John A. Nucci
Senior Vice President for External Affairs

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Enclosures

COMMUNITY BENEFITS RECAP

Please note that the deadline for Community Benefits is April 3, 2023. There are also two additional data points we would like to collect this year (see footnotes for more info).

Once completed, please rename the document to reflect the name of your organization. Email an excel and PDF version to PILOTprogram@boston.gov.

INSTITUTION NAME:

<INSERT NAME HERE>

FINANCIAL YEAR:

<INSERT YEAR>

| Program Name | Brief Program Description | Amount (\$) | Cash, In-Kind, or Both ¹ | 1-time or Ongoing ² | Who is Served ³ | Program Initiator ⁴ | City-wide or Neighborhoods Served ⁵ | Community Benefit Category ⁶ | Partners |
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| Boston Common Fund | Public Space Maintenance | \$5,000 | Cash | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Built Environment | Boston Parks & Recreation |
| Cambridge Street Community Development Corporation | Public Space Maintenance | \$10,000 | Cash | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | Beacon Hill, West End | Built Environment | Beacon Hill Civic Association |
| Clean Corners Program | Public Space Maintenance | \$25,000 | Cash | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | Downtown Crossing | Built Environment | Business Improvement District |
| East Boston High School | Annual Donation for Athletic Banquet and Uniforms | \$15,000 | Cash | Ongoing | EBHS Students | Suffolk University | East Boston | Education | EBHS |
| Boston Parks & Recreation | Annual Donation for Maintenance of East Boston Memorial Stadium | \$100,000 | Cash | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | East Boston | Built Environment | Boston Parks & Recreation |
| Nathan Miller Scholars | Resident Scholarship | \$555,525 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | BPS |
| Other BPS Grant Aid | Resident Scholarship | \$3,218,752 | Cash | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | BPS |
| Mayor's Scholarship | Resident Scholarship | \$0 (Selected student withdrew) | In-Kind | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | City of Boston |
| Senior Citizen Tuition Grant Aid | Resident Scholarship | \$36,482 | YTD 6/30/23 | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | |
| Boston Public Schools Course Scholarship | 7 Classroom and 5 Online Course Scholarships Awarded to BPS Professionals Each Academic Year | Up to \$54,684 | In-Kind | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | BPS |
| Academic Self-Enrichment Course | Boston Residents Attend a Course for Non-Credit. 5 Awarded Each Academic Year | | | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | |
| Center for Community Engagement Programs | CCE Service Learning Programs are staffed by students for approximately 18,000 hours per year. | \$705,420 | \$39.19 Value of Volunteer Hour in MA per Independent Sector | On-going | Grater Boston Area nonprofit organizations | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | Many - see attached spreadsheet |
| JumpStart Program | Early childhood education programming (2,500 hours) | \$97,975 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | BPS |
| ISEE Program | Middle School | | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | |
| ESOL Tutoring Program | English as a second language tutoring service | | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | |
| BPS Americorp Vista | Volunteer and community outreach coordinator at a Boston Public School | | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | BPS |
| Elderly Services | Elderly community outreach | | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Community Health | |
| Law School Clinical Programs | Over 13 Law Clinical Programs that provide legal advocacy and advice offered at various locations | Over 4 Million Each Year | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-Wide | Education and Other | |
| Serving Meals for the Homeless | Homeless persons community outreach | | In-Kind | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Community Health | |
| Boston Police Department Details | Neighborhood Ride-Along Program | \$84,953 | YTD 6/30/23 | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | Beacon Hill, Downtown, West End, North End | Good Neighbor Activity | Boston Police Department |
| Private Industry Council (PIC) | Summer Internships, (this was for 5 PIC students paid at \$15 hr. each for hours worked during July 10 – Aug. 18). | \$8,196 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Employment | PIC |
| Housing Discrimination Testing Program | Undercover Housing Discrimination | \$12,200 | In-Kind | Ongoing | General Public | Suffolk University | City-wide | Housing | |
| BPS Dual Enrollment Program | Academic and Social Support Service | \$112,883 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | BPS |
| The Outreach program | Food and volunteer sponsor, MLK event | \$20,500 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | BPS |
| East Boston Harborside community school | 34th Annual Eastie Pride day | \$1,000 | Cash | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | East Boston | Good Neighbor Activity | |
| Jed Foundations | Supporting emotional wellbeing suicide prevention | \$42,000 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | |
| Ucal McKenzie breakaway foundations | Soccer and health education to city youth | \$2,500 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Good Neighbor Activity | |
| Community Legal Aid, Inc. | | \$85,348 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | |
| Justice Resource Institute, Inc | | \$52,141 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-Wide | Education | |
| Massachusetts Fair Housing Center, Inc. | | \$100,257 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-Wide | Education | |
| SouthCoast Fair Housing, Inc. | | \$153,796 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Other | |
| Science Club for girls | Non profit management entrepreneurial award | \$100 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | |
| Boston Debate League | Academic Debate | \$123,326 | Both | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Education | |
| PILOT Payments | | \$539,872 | YTD 6/30/23 | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Other | |

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| 73 Tremont Real Estate Taxes | | \$3,870,893 | YTD 6/30/23 | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Other | |
| Retail/Auxiliary Real Estate Taxes | | \$89,388 | YTD 6/30/23 | Ongoing | Boston Residents | Suffolk University | City-wide | Other | |
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| Highlighted programs provided per Cooperation Agreement | | | | | | | | | |
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Footnotes

- 1 Does the institution's support for the program include a cash outlay, non-cash contributions (ex: use of property, equipment, supplies, etc), or a mixture of the two? If a mixture, please provide the approximate % of cash vs. in-kind.
- 2 Is the program a one-time expenditure by the institution or is it part of multi-year commitment? If multi-year, please indicate the length of the commitment.
- 3 Who is the target beneficiary of the program (ex: Boston youths with asthma)? Please be specific.
- 4 Who started the program (i.e. institution, Mayor, Police Commissioner, School Superintendent, etc)? Please be specific.
- 5 Is the program city-wide? If not, which neighborhood(s) are served by the program? Options include: City-wide, Allston, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Brighton, Charlestown, Chinatown, Dorchester, East Boston, Fenway-Longwood, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Mission Hill, North End, Roslindale, Roxbury, South Boston, South End, West End, and/or West Roxbury
- 6 Which category does the program fall under? Categories include: Built Environment, Community Health, Cultural, Direct Monetary Support to City of Boston Programs, Education, Employment, Good Neighbor Activity, Housing, Social Environment, Violence Prevention. Please see descriptions of the categories below.
 - Built Environment: active transportation options, parks and open space, access to healthy foods
 - Community Health: community health initiatives, education and outreach beyond the charitable mission of the institution
 - Cultural: access to cultural spaces, activities and programs
 - Direct Monetary Support to City of Boston Programs
 - Education: post-secondary access, scholarships, school funding, supports and resources, and investment in educational
 - Employment: workforce development programs, job readiness training, summer jobs program
 - Good Neighbor Activity: donations of facilities, goods, and/or supplies, monetary support of community associations,
 - Housing: development and maintenance of safe, stable, affordable living accommodations
 - Social Environment: social networks, participation, cohesion, capital, support, inclusion, and integration
 - Violence Prevention: youth violence, sexual violence and other community violence prevention
 - Other