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To: The German Marshall Fund of the United States

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Subject: Recommendation Letter for Ms. Mykesha Robinson

I am writing on behalf of Ms. Mykesha Robinson as I understand she is applying to become a fellow in the 2012 Strong Cities, Strong Communities Fellowship Program.

I know Mykesha as she is active in several community outreach programs in Los Angeles in which I am also involved, such as "Make Music LA", the Los Angeles Consular Corps Choir, and an interfaith group, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches African American Community churches. All these organizations, and others in which she is involved, aim to improve the community.

Mykesha is a warm, engaging, positive, well-organized individual with boundless energy and passion for the projects in which she participates. She has outstanding interpersonal skills, is very well organized, articulate, makes friends easily (and keeps them), is a networker extraordinaire, and is then a very persuasive "co-opter" who manages to get folks interested and involved in working with her on projects in which she is interested. These projects are usually focused on improving conditions of those who are less well off in our city, and her efforts go far in accomplishing that.

As the director of the Los Angeles Consular Corps Choir, I can attest that Mykesha's efforts at recruitment substantially increased the size and diversity of the group, and her organizational and promotional efforts have allowed us to increase our footprint and influence in reaching the community. She is truly a most effective grass roots organizer.

With her background experience, talents, interests and track record (as attested by her curriculum vitae), I have no doubt that Mykesha would be a great fellow in the Strong Cities, Strong Communities Fellowship Program, and I therefore recommend her unreservedly for a fellowship and urge that she be selected.

Sincerely,



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