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Poncey Highland Neighborhood Association - Playground Committee
c/o Honora Handley
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Atlanta, GA, 30306

Subject: Poncey Highland Neighborhood Playground Initiative

This letter is to convey the support of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs for the efforts of the Poncey Highland Playground Initiative to fund the design and installation of a new playground in Freedom Park. It has for so long been a dream of the Neighborhood's residents who are anticipating it becoming a reality on the proposed build date of April 18-19 2009. The Poncey-Highland neighborhood does not currently have access to playgrounds within half mile radius and is separated from adjacent areas by a number of busy arterial streets including Ponce de Leon, and Freedom Parkway.

This initiative would be an especially good fit for this neighborhood given the lack of playgrounds in Freedom Park as noted above and would serve a broad range of children. The community's proposed site at North Avenue and Freedom Parkway has been assessed as appropriate by our Park Design staff, having good visibility to maximize security and encourage use.

The neighborhood's residents have embraced this effort, with enthusiasm and we are glad to be a part of providing a place for the children of Poncey Highland to grow together and build a sense of community.

Sincerely,

Dianne Harnell Cohen, Commissioner
Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

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