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TO: Members of the Council on Postsecondary Education

FROM: Jim Purcell, Ed.D., Commissioner for Postsecondary
Education

RE: **Discussion and recommendation for acceptance of lease
agreement for office space at the Shepard Building for
Rhode Island Community and Justice.**

The University of Rhode Island is requesting permission to enter into a lease agreement for office space in the Shepard Building in connection with Rhode Island Community and Justice (RICJ). The Rhode Island Community and Justice has as its mission the dedication to social justice and the promotion of understanding between diverse cultures, races and religions which is consistent with the obligations of the University under the Urban Grant Initiative.

While the organization has been a tenant in the Shepard Building for a number of years, this new lease marks its move to Suite 450 which was occupied until recently by the former Office of Higher Education. This new lease has a term of November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015.

This lease provides RICJ with approximately 1,025 square feet of office space in Suite 450 with all of the fixtures and improvements currently installed. RICJ is required to provide standard insurance and indemnification provisions in order to protect the University and the Council on Postsecondary Education.

The lease has been approved by the University's General Counsel and is attached to this memo.

I recommend:

THAT the Council on Postsecondary Education approves the lease between the Council/ University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island Community and Justice for office space located in the Shepard Building. Upon approval, the lease will be brought to the State Properties Committee for its review and approval as required.

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OF RHODE ISLAND

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MEMORANDUM

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To: Susan LaPanne
Associate Commissioner

From: Louis J. Saccoccio
General Counsel

Subj: Rhode Island for Community & Justice
Providence Campus Lease Agreement

Date: September 29, 2014

Enclosed please find the proposed lease agreement for office space in the Shepard Building to be entered with Rhode Island for Community and Justice ("RICJ"), a RI non-profit corporation in collaboration with the University's Urban Grant initiative. RICJ will lease room 450 containing 1025 square feet consisting three (3) offices a conference room and an open area for administrative support staff. The lease term is for one year with rent of \$3,000 to be paid by RICJ.

The University has collaborated with RICJ since 2005. This collaboration has brought community, non-profit and governmental leaders to the Providence Feinstein Campus to work together to solve problems faced by urban and minority communities through programs co-sponsored with the University as well as through RICJ's juvenile justice, community advocacy and leadership programs. I have enclosed addition material for the benefit of the council members that helps provide a better understanding of the activities and initiatives associated with this relationship.

The present lease with RICJ has expired and this lease will allow the University to continue that collaboration and for RICJ to continue to have access to office space in the Shepard Building for an additional year while the university assesses its own need for space going forward.

LEASE AGREEMENT

LEASE AGREEMENT made and entered this ____ day of October, 2014 between the UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND, a state institution of higher education, by and through the RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, a public corporation created and established pursuant to Chapter 59, Title 16 of the General Laws of Rhode Island (collectively the "Landlord"), and RHODE ISLAND FOR COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE, a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation with offices located in Providence, Rhode Island (the "Tenant").

WHEREAS, Landlord is the administrator of that certain land and building located at 80 Washington Street, Providence, Rhode Island commonly known as the Shepard Building (the "Building"); and

WHEREAS, the Landlord operates Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education in the Shepard Building which was awarded an Urban Grant designation by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, a primary mission of the Urban Grant Initiative is to enable the University to work with private, public and civic organizations in a cooperative effort to devise and implement solutions to pressing and severe problems facing urban communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tenant, a non-profit corporation, is dedicated to social justice and the promotion of understanding between diverse cultures, races and religions which is consistent with the obligations of Landlord under the Urban Grant Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Landlord wishes to provide Tenant with space on its Providence Campus in a collaborative effort to provide diversity education and policy research with emphasis on community/urban issues;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above, the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I LEASED PREMISES

1.1 The Landlord does hereby demise and let unto the Tenant and the Tenant does hereby hire and take from the Landlord, upon the terms and conditions set forth

herein, 1025 square feet of office space in the Shepard Building located in Room 450, together with all fixtures and improvements attached thereto or associated therewith, (the "Premises") for the term of this lease.

ARTICLE II
TERM

2.1 The term of this lease shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning on November 1, 2014 and ending on October 31, 2015 (the "Term").

ARTICLE III
USE OF PREMISES

3.1 During the initial or any extended term of this lease the Tenant shall use and occupy the Premises as office and administrative space. The Tenant may not use the premises for any other purpose without the prior written consent of the Landlord which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

3.2 The Tenant shall not make any alterations, additions or improvements to the Premises beyond without the prior written consent of the Landlord. Upon the expiration or sooner termination of this lease all alterations, additions or improvements shall be surrendered to the Landlord with the Premises as a part thereof without compensation to the Tenant unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

ARTICLE IV
RENT

4.1 Tenant shall pay rent to the Landlord, at such place as it shall designate from time to time, in the amount of Three Thousand and no/100 (\$3,000.00) Dollars payable in equal monthly installments of Two Hundred Fifty and no/100 (\$250.00) beginning on November 1, 2014 and on the first day of each month thereafter during the initial Term of the Lease.

ARTICLE V
TELEPHONE, OFFICE AND PARKING

5.1 Tenant shall also during any term of this Lease, be solely responsible for and shall pay when due its own telephone expenses.

5.2 Tenant shall, in addition to rent, be responsible and pay for any additional services that may be provided to Tenant by Landlord during the term of this Lease including, without limitation, mailing costs, photocopying and foodservice for meetings.

5.3 Landlord shall provide Tenant parking for no more than three (3) staff members at the R.I. Convention Center Garage.

ARTICLE VI MECHANICS AND OTHER LIENS

6.1 Tenant shall not permit or suffer to be filed against the Premises or any interest therein any mechanics' liens, materialmen's liens, or other liens, claims or encumbrances of any kind.

6.2 If any such lien, claim or encumbrance is filed against the premises, it shall be the duty of the Party responsible for the filing of said lien, claim or encumbrance, within sixty (60) days after receipt of notice of such lien, claim or encumbrance, to cause the premises to be released there from, either by payment, posting a bond, or payment into the registry of court, of an amount necessary to relieve and release the premises from such lien, claim or encumbrance, or in any other manner which, as a matter of law, shall result in such release within such period of sixty (60) days.

ARTICLE VII INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

7.1 Tenant shall, at its own cost and expense, obtain, keep and maintain in full force and effect during the initial or any extended term of this lease insurance policies in standard form, and with such companies that are satisfactory to the Landlord, providing comprehensive general liability coverage with policy limits not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, together with property damage coverage (including fire and extended coverage) covering building and contents with policy limits not less than \$500,000 combined single limit each occurrence and \$500,000 aggregate. All required policy limits shall be exclusive of any applicable deductibles, retentions or self-insurance reserves. The University of Rhode Island, the Board of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Education and State of Rhode Island shall all be named as additional insureds on all policies of insurance required hereunder as their interests may appear.

7.2 Tenant shall provide Landlord upon execution of this agreement, and upon reasonable request thereafter, an appropriate certificate of insurance in standard form, evidencing insurance coverage in compliance with the above and containing a provision that written notice of cancellation or modification of any of the required policies of

insurance shall be given to Landlord within a reasonable period of time prior to the effective date of such cancellation or modification.

7.3 The Tenant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Landlord, Board of Education and the State of Rhode Island, their respective members, officers, directors, employees and agents, from any and all payment, liability, loss or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, arising out of any claims, demands or actions for property damages, personal injuries, including bodily injuries or death, caused by or resulting from: (i) the Tenant's breach of any representation, warranty, term or condition of this lease; or (ii) the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of the Tenant or any of its employees, agents or representatives in connection with its performance of this lease, its use of the Premises or operation of its business.

ARTICLE VIII MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

8.1 Tenant shall keep the premises neat and clean and maintain the Premises in good order, condition and repair consistent with its condition at the commencement of this Lease Agreement, normal wear and tear excepted.

8.2 Notwithstanding the above, Landlord shall be responsible to maintain the Premises in good order, condition and repair, including without limitation, the building, its roof and other matters that may affect its structural integrity or interfere with the intended use and occupancy of the Tenant, including the plumbing, electrical, heating, air conditioning and similar mechanical systems as well as the repairs, renovations and improvements made by the Landlord pursuant to this agreement.

ARTICLE IX ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING

9.1 The Tenant shall not assign, mortgage, pledge or encumber this Lease in whole or part without the prior written consent of the Landlord, which consent shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of the Landlord.

9.2 Any assignment, mortgage, pledge or encumbrance made by the Tenant without such consent of the Landlord shall be null, void and of no effect and constitute a material default of this Lease.

9.3 Tenant is strictly prohibited from subletting and/or subleasing the Leased Premises or any portion thereof to any third party.

ARTICLE X
DEFAULT

The occurrence at any time during the initial term or any extended term of this lease of any of the following shall constitute an event of default:

10.1 The failure of the Tenant to make any rent payment within fifteen (15) days from the due date.

10.2 The failure of the Tenant to pay all applicable taxes and/or assessments as required by this Lease.

10.3 The assignment, mortgage, pledge or encumbrance of this Lease or any part hereof in violation of Article IX.

10.4 The neglect or failure of either party to perform or observe any of the other terms, conditions, covenants or agreements contained herein which neglect or failure shall continue for thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice of such neglect or failure from the other party.

ARTICLE XI
REMEDIES AND TERMINATION OF LEASE

11.1 Upon the occurrence of any event of default by one party, the other party may terminate this lease without further obligation by giving notice of termination to the defaulting party as provided herein which notice shall set forth the reason for the termination along with the effective date of termination.

11.2 In addition to the right to terminate this lease the non-defaulting party shall have all rights and remedies, including damages, costs and reasonable attorney's fees, allowed by law or in equity.

ARTICLE XII
SURRENDER OF PREMISES

12.1 If, at the expiration of the initial term or any extended term, this Lease has not, for any reason, been renewed or further extended, or upon sooner termination of this lease as set forth herein, the Tenant shall peaceably surrender the premises to the Landlord.

ARTICLE XIII
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

13.1 The Landlord represents and warrants to the Tenant that it has full power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Lease and that the execution, delivery and performance of this lease has been duly authorized by all requisite action on its part.

13.2 The Landlord further represents and warrants to the Tenant that so long as the Tenant keeps and performs the terms and conditions of this lease, it shall have quiet and peaceful possession of the premises.

13.3 The Tenant represents and warrants to the Landlord that it has the full power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this lease and that the execution, delivery and performance of this lease has been duly authorized by all requisite action on its part. The Tenant shall deliver to the Landlord, upon request, a certificate or resolution of corporate action to this effect.

ARTICLE XIV
FIRE AND CASUALTY DAMAGE

14.1 If, at any time during the initial term or any extended term of this lease, the premises shall be damaged by fire or other casualty a just abatement of rent shall be made until the damage has been fully repaired by the Landlord.

14.2 The Landlord shall provide written notice to the Tenant of its intention to repair the damages to the premises within thirty (30) days from the date of said fire or casualty together with a completion date of all repairs, which shall not exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the fire, or other casualty, which caused the damage. In the event that the Landlord has elected not to repair the damages, fails to provide written notice of its intention to repair the damages to the Tenant as set forth herein, or fails to complete the repairs by date of completion then this lease shall, at the sole option of the Tenant, terminate and be of no further force and effect. The Tenant shall be entitled to a return of any advance rental payment made prior to the effective date of termination.

ARTICLE XV
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

15.1 Tenant shall not use or bring onto the Premises any pollutants or hazardous materials or substances except with the prior consent of the Landlord and in strict compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

15.2 In addition to any other indemnification provided for herein, Tenant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless, Landlord, Board of Education and the State of Rhode Island, their respective board members, officers, directors, employees and agents, from any and all payment, liability, loss or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs, arising out of any claims, demands, or actions, costs and expenses caused by Tenant's use or maintenance of pollutants or hazardous materials or substances on the Premises or related to the clean up or remediation of the Premises caused by Tenant's use or maintenance of pollutants or hazardous materials or substances on the Premises, except that this indemnification shall not apply to any pollutants or hazardous materials or substances that existed on the Premises prior to Tenants occupancy and possession.

ARTICLE XVI
FORCE MAJEURE

16.1 If either party shall be unable to carry out any of its obligations under this lease due to events beyond the reasonable control of and without the fault or negligence of the party claiming force majeure, including without limitation, an act of God, sabotage, accidents, appropriation or diversion of steam energy, equipment, materials, or commodities by order or rule of any governmental authority having jurisdiction thereof, any changes in applicable laws or regulations affecting performance, any act of governmental or judicial authority, war, blockage, insurrection, riot, fire, explosion, flood, nuclear emergency, epidemic, lightning, hurricane, earthquake or similar catastrophic occurrence, this lease shall remain in effect, but the effected party's obligation shall, subject to the limitations set forth below, be suspended for the period during which the effected party is unable to perform because of the disabling circumstances.

16.2 The party claiming force majeure must give the other party prompt written notice describing the particulars of the force majeure, including without limitation, the reasons why it effects or prevents performance, the nature of the occurrence and its expected duration.

16.3 The suspension of performance as provided herein shall be of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the force majeure.

16.4 The non-performing party uses its best efforts to remedy its inability to perform notwithstanding the occurrence of a force majeure event.

16.5 The obligations of either party that arose before the force majeure causing suspension of performance shall not be excused as a result of the force majeure.

16.6 Economic hardship shall not constitute force majeure.

16.7 If the force majeure continues for a period greater than sixty (60) then either party shall have the right to terminate this lease at any time thereafter without further obligation to the other.

ARTICLE XVII
NOTICES

17.1 Whenever, by the terms of this lease, a notice, approval, consent, or other communication ("notice") is permitted or required to be given by one party to the other then such notice shall be valid and effective if it is in writing and sent to the other party at the address set forth below, by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or by in-hand delivery. Such notice may also be faxed to the other party which shall be deemed valid and effective if also mailed or delivered as provided herein. A postmarked postal receipt shall be deemed adequate evidence of such mailing.

To the Landlord: Office of the Vice President for Administration
University of Rhode Island
Carlotti Administration Building
Kingston, R.I. 02881

To the Tenant: Rhode Island for Community and Justice
The Shepard Building
80 Washington Street, Room 450
Providence, RI 02903

17.2 Either party may, from time to time, change the office, individual and/or address to receive notice on its behalf by giving notice of said change to the other party as provided herein.

ARTICLE XVIII
WAIVER

18.1 No waiver of any term or condition of this lease or its performance shall be valid unless expressed in writing and signed by the party who is claimed to have waived or released such term, condition or performance.

18.2 The failure to insist upon the strict performance of any provision of this lease or to exercise any right or remedy set forth herein shall not constitute a waiver or relinquishment of said right or remedy.

18.3 The waiver of any breach of any term or condition of this lease shall be limited to the particular instance and shall not operate as a waiver of any future breaches of the same or any other term or condition of this lease.

ARTICLE XIX
TAX COMPLIANCE CLAUSE

19.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Lease to the contrary, it shall be the responsibility of the Tenant to ensure that payment of all applicable local taxes and assessments for the Premises are made in a prompt manner and the failure of Tenant to pay said local taxes and assessments promptly may, in the sole discretion of the Landlord, result in the unilateral termination of this Lease without penalty to the Landlord.

ARTICLE XX
MISCELLANEOUS

20.1 Landlord shall have the right to enter and inspect the Premises at reasonable times during normal business hours by providing Tenant with twenty-four (24) hour prior notice except that such notice shall not be required in the event of fire or other emergency.

20.2 No amendments or modifications to this lease shall be valid unless contained in writing and signed by both parties.

20.3 If any provision of this lease shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this lease shall not be affected and each term and condition of this lease shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20.4 Each of the parties have had an opportunity to fully review the terms and conditions of this lease with counsel of their choosing and hereby agree that it shall not be construed against the party who drafted this lease.

20.5 This lease shall be binding upon the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns and to the extent applicable, their heirs, beneficiaries, executors, administrators and representatives.

20.6 This Lease Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Rhode Island, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, is subject to approval by the

State Properties Committee pursuant to Chapter 6 and Chapter 7, Title 37 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

20.7 This instrument contains the entire agreement of the parties and is not subject to any agreements, statements or representations not expressly set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this lease to be executed on the day and year first above written.

Landlord:

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Witness

By: _____
Vice President for Administration & Finance

RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL ON
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Witness

By: _____
Chairman

Tenant:

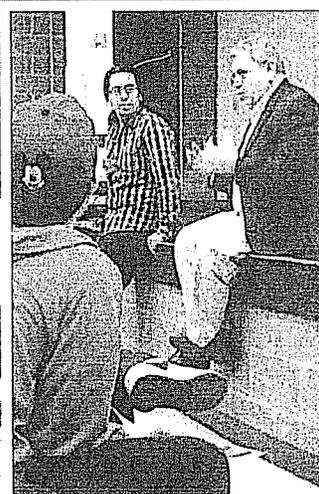
RHODE ISLAND FOR COMMUNITY AND
JUSTICE

Witness

By: _____
Its President

**REPORT ON
 ACTIVITIES**

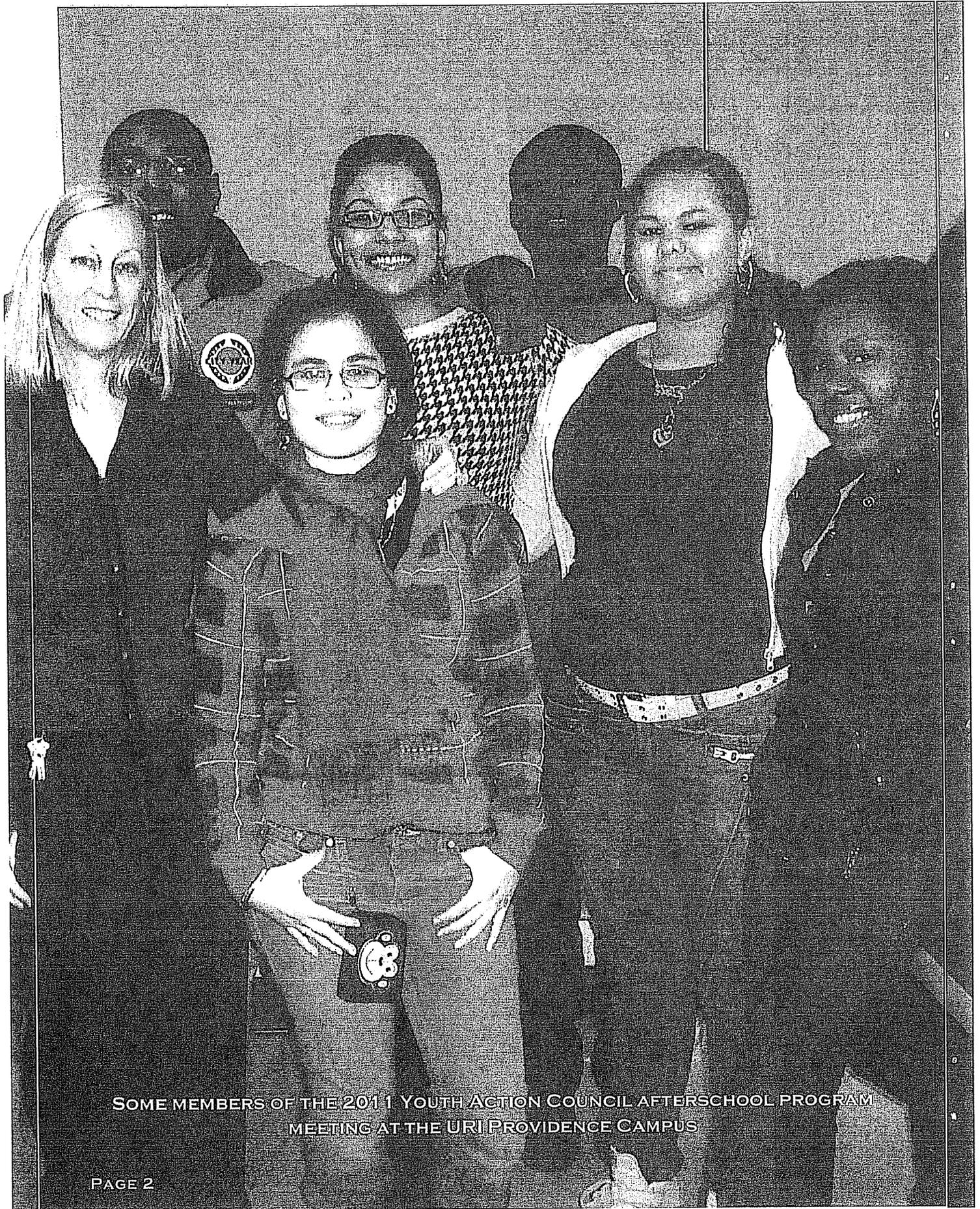
- ◆ Co-Sponsored Forums and Events
- ◆ Collaborative Projects
- ◆ Community Dialogues
- ◆ Youth Leadership
- ◆ Public Outreach



L/top: Health Policy Forum with Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts, college student Cambliya Reyes, Attorney Andrew Douglass, RI Health Director Dr. Michael Fine at Paff Auditorium.

Above: Part of 2010 Leadership for a Future class held at the URI Providence Campus, RICJ Director Toby Ayers, Assistant Director Nanda Shewmangal, with speaker Matt Jerzyk.

Left: Attorney Roberto Gonzalez in dialogue with audience members, following the documentary showing of "Papers" by the RICJ Youth Action Council at Paff Auditorium.



SOME MEMBERS OF THE 2011 YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
MEETING AT THE URI PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

RICJ CO-SPONSORS ITS PROGRAMS WITH URI PROVIDENCE CAMPUS, ADDRESSING URBAN ISSUES

AS RICJ CONDUCTED THE EVENTS
AND PROGRAMS BELOW, WE
RECOGNIZED THE CO-SPONSORSHIP
AND GENEROUS SUPPORT OF URI.



- ◆ 2014, Jan. 19: *"50 Years Since the War On Poverty: Where Are We Now?"* Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Forum. Presentations: Priorities of the RI Black and Latino Caucus; Wage Inequity and Minimum Wage; School Suspensions and School Push Out; Racial Profiling; Governor's Juneteenth Citation. Free event. Gloria Dei Church, Providence.
- ◆ 2013, Sept. 18: Community & Justice Awards recognizing Rhode Island's 9/11 Families. New artwork *"The Never Forgotten of RI"* commissioned from local artists to honor RI victims, installed at the entrance to the RI Wall of Hope at Waterplace Park. RI Convention Center.
- ◆ 2013, July-Aug: *Summer Learning Mentorship Program*. Free enrichment program for at risk middle school students to diminish summer learning loss. Leadership, Math, Reading and English tutoring by RICJ Youth Action Council high school students. URI Prov. Campus.
- ◆ 2013, May 14: *Metcalf Diversity in the Media Program*. Annual juried competition showcasing journalists in the RI/NE region for exemplary work covering diversity issues. Winning journalists in 2013 were from the Providence Journal, RI Monthly, RI Public Radio, EcoRI News, and the Welcoming RI media campaign. Hotel Providence.
- ◆ 2013, March 26: *"The House I Live In"*. Free community screening of new Sundance award winning film on the 40-year War on Drugs and gun violence in urban communities, and audience dialogue with Institute Street Worker, Sal Monteiro. URI Paff Auditorium.
- ◆ 2012, Nov. 7: *"Diamond Jubilee"* Community & Justice Awards honoring community leaders who have received this award over the past 60 years. RI Convention Center.



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2004-2012

- ◆ 2012, Sept. 21: *"Pass the Peace"*. Celebration of International Day of Peace. Spoken word, dance, art and performances by RICJ Youth Action Council and other youth programs. Free community event presented by the RICJ Youth Action Council. URI Paff Auditorium.
- ◆ 2012, May 15: *Metcalf Diversity in the Media Program*. Juried Annual juried competition showcasing journalists in the RI/NE region for exemplary work covering diversity issues. Winning entries were from Providence Journal, Jewish Voice, RI Monthly, RI Public Radio, Coalition Against Racial Profiling, GET-RI Magazine. Providence Biltmore Hotel.
- ◆ 2012, April 28: *"Culture Bash"*. Ticketed event organized by RICJ Youth Action Council showcasing dance, music and performance representing different cultures in Rhode Island, with cultural performers from across the state. Rhode Island College, Sapinsley Hall.
- ◆ 2012, Jan. 15: *"Dr. King's Dream and Economic Disparities in RI"*. MLK Forum. Free community forum with presentations on economic disparity by: Rev. Dr. Kirk Jones; Dr. Joyce Penfield; Keila Rodriguez; Dr. Warren Simmons. Roots Café.

ABOVE ARE RECENT EVENTS. SIMILAR CO-SPONSOR
EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED BY RICJ SINCE WE
BEGAN RENTING OFFICE SPACE ON THIS CAMPUS.



WELCOMING THE COMMUNITY AND THE ACADEMY

In his role as head of the URI Providence Feinstein Campus, Dr. John McCray has helped bring the presence of the university to many RICJ events, both on and off campus, and whether or not the university co-sponsored the events. In venues like the Roots Café and Cultural Center the RI Wall of Hope, the RI Convention Center, Rhode Island Foundation, at other universities including events at Bryant, CCRI, J&W, and RWU, and in many other smaller community venues, the URI Providence Campus has been publicly acknowledged and thanked.

RICJ strongly believes that the presence of the university at RICJ community events has helped engender a positive view of the university. Universities commonly experience "town-gown" tensions and mistrust, particularly in relationships with minority communities. We believe the URI presence at RICJ's events helps counter this common community concern, and helps promote good relations.

HELPING BRING DEDICATED AND DIVERSE AUDIENCES TO URI

RICJ events have brought members of the public, particularly minority communities, to experience the University campus, promoting a positive view of this campus as a dynamic, vital part of the community:

- ◆ We regularly invite our community network to URI's campus events at Paff Auditorium—not only those events created jointly by RICJ and URI-Providence, but the many events such as UrbanScape, the Feld Lecture Series, Arts & Culture Programs and other URI-organized events.
- ◆ Professionals from across the State meet at the URI Providence Campus. For example, RICJ's Juvenile Justice Advisory regularly brings RI Family Court, RI Police Chiefs, Juvenile Hearing Boards, Juvenile Detectives and School Resource Officers, Child Welfare and Social Services, Educators and Community to the campus.
- ◆ In RICJ's Youth Action Council, a diverse group of young people are introduced to the URI campus during their high school years, instilling a desire to attend school here. Our program has been very successful in taking youth at high risk for dropout and getting them into college. A large part of that success is due to their presence here.



SELECTED INITIATIVES

EXAMPLES OF JOINT PROJECTS ADDRESSING URBAN ISSUES THROUGH RICJ-URI PARTNERSHIP

INTERPRETING FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE

Juveniles who do not speak English face barriers to equal justice. RICJ has applied for federal State Justice Institute funds for the first "Language of Justice" Legal Interpreting course in RI. We will train local instructors, then this certificate course would continue through URI's Office of Special Programs.

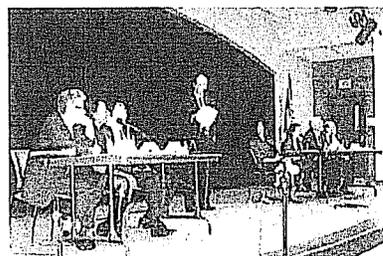
GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED: JAN 2014
VENUE: COURSE THROUGH URI-PROVIDENCE
PROJECT START: JULY 2014 IF ACCEPTED



HEALTH POLICY

RICJ forum on Health Care Reform co-sponsored by URI with a panel of health care experts: Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts, Carrie Bridges, Atty. Shawn Donahue, Atty. Andrew Douglass, Dr. Michael Fine, Dr. Nick Tsiongas and Camblin Reyes, moderated by Brandon Melton. RICJ further participated as a community representative for the HealthRight planning group.

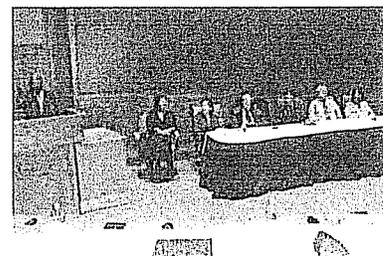
LOCATION: URI PROVIDENCE, PAFF AUDITORIUM
DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2009



IMMIGRATION MYTHS & REALITIES

RICJ and the Civil Rights Roundtable, co-sponsored by URI-Providence, held this invitational forum on immigration. Key leaders from Rotary & Lions Clubs and Chambers of Commerce heard and discussed presentations by Dr. George Borts, Dr. Cynthia Garcia Coll, Rev. Dr. Liliana DaValle, Dr. Alexandra Filindra, Rev. Matthew Kai, Atty. Carl Krueger, Sovath Nhar and Peter Wells, bringing information back to their home communities across RI.

LOCATION: AMICA INSURANCE HEADQUARTERS
DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2010



"TRACES OF THE TRADE" SHOWINGS

"Traces" is a documentary on RI's role in the colonial Triangle Trade through the eyes of descendants of the country's largest slave traders, a Bristol RI family. RICJ worked with filmmaker Katrina Brown as she created the film. Prior to its national debut on PBS, RICJ presented showings followed by dialogues with family members, at mostly small venues across the state, including URI. Many of the showings were co-sponsored by URI-Providence. Over 2,000 Rhode Islanders saw and discussed this film through this project.

LOCATION: SMALL VENUES ACROSS RHODE ISLAND
DATE: BEGINNING 2007; RICJ STILL SHOWS "TRACES"



CURRENT RICJ INITIATIVES THAT CAN BENEFIT URI IN THE FUTURE

JUVENILE JUSTICE CONGRESSIONAL HEARING

US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse recently took over the initiative to reauthorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJIDPA), critical federal legislation affecting youth in juvenile justice systems. JJIDPA sets standards and provides direct funding for state and local justice systems, research, technical assistance and evaluation, and promotes current knowledge and best practices. Reauthorization hearings will soon be held across the country, beginning in Rhode Island in May 2014.

RICJ was asked by its policy office to assist them as they explore options for venue and witnesses for the Rhode Island hearing. The hearing is an important way not only to highlight needs of juveniles, but to showcase to Congress and the nation innovative ways that Rhode Island is meeting those needs. For a juvenile to be arrested and jailed is devastating for the child, family and entire community. This hearing will draw attention to "best practices" and solutions that work. URI will be a part of this process.

WORKPLACE DIVERSITY PROGRAM

RICJ has long conducted diversity and cultural competency training and consulting for schools, businesses and government organizations. Our approach links leadership skills, business strategy, employee education and a business case for diversity. It draws on RICJ's capabilities in leadership training, experiential and interactive education, cultural understanding, community connections, and knowledge of issues around racism and discrimination. Recently we worked with DCYE in piloting two new Cultural Compe-

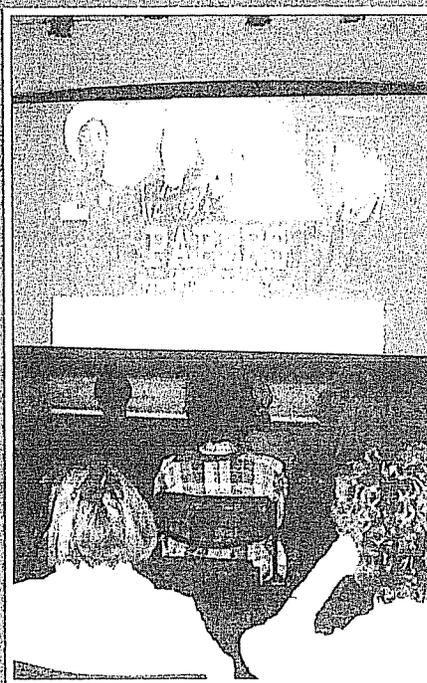
tency programs for employees and for administrators, and with the RI Police Municipal Training Academy on new training for police in youth development and effective interactions with minority youth. We are interested in incorporating distance learning approaches to expand this work.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE AND THE YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL PROGRAM

RICJ empowers high school teens in our Youth Action Council after-school program by training them as Peer Educators and facilitators capable of leading peers (and adults) in dialogues, workshops and trainings on diversity and inclusion. Our YAC youth have used new documentary films to generate audience dialogue with invited experts on immigration ("Papers"), the slave trade ("Routes of the Trade"),

the Middle East war ("Reclaim Afghanistan"), and racial inequalities in incarceration ("The House I Live In").

These films attracted students, community and veterans, and we would like to analyze the skills of our youth involved in this way to involve students in ways that can benefit URI.



PARTNERSHIP

BETWEEN RICJ AND THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND PROVIDENCE FEINSTEIN CAMPUS

GOALS OF THE ORIGINAL PARTNERSHIP. The partnership between Rhode Island for Community & Justice (RICJ) and the University of Rhode Island Providence Feinstein Campus began in May 2005, through our work with its Urban Grant and Center for Urban Studies and Research (CUSR). We set three general areas for partnership.

1-Diversity Curricula. RICJ in 2002-2006 had created and piloted an innovative curriculum for college students on Leadership in Diversity. We felt a campus partnership could expand this work, producing new curricula and materials. RICJ has since parlayed this work into new Cultural Competency training for Juvenile Justice and Law Enforcement system professionals. Also, two years ago we obtained a grant for a URI Business School faculty to create a plan to expand our diversity training model to focus on local healthcare-related businesses.

2-Leadership and Diversity Institutes. RICJ's training institutes for youth, emerging leaders and established leaders from grassroots, mostly urban core communities, fit with the Urban Mission of this campus. These institutes have brought diverse community members and youth to the Providence campus. Our Adult Leadership institutes ran from 2005-2010 (when funding became unavailable) and our Youth Leadership institutes continue to this day.

3-Community/University Policy Research. The initial project with CUSR was collaboration with the RI Civil Rights Roundtable (a RICJ program), to promote participatory community/university policy research. We collaborated on a grant to provide CUSR with support from Campus Compact. We have and continue to sit on URI committees to promote faculty research seeking to define and address areas of community need. In areas of common interest, we have collaborated on grant applications (eg, co-applied to United Way for a financial literacy program).

Finally, as mentioned, we have collaborated with the URI Providence Feinstein Campus to **co-sponsor educational forums and events, and to promote the events of URI among our extensive community contacts.** This we have endeavored to do to the best of our ability throughout the years we have rented offices on the Providence campus. RICJ is grateful for the opportunities that have arisen out of our presence at URI and from this partnership, and we have tried to support and promote the campus as much as we can.

RICJ DESCRIPTION

- ◆ 2 fulltime regular staff, 3 fulltime AmeriCorp VISTAs and 1 part time temporary staff
- ◆ 80 unpaid volunteers and student interns, many who participate in our programs
- ◆ 40 youth participating in Youth Action Council/Project RESPECT
- ◆ 2014 budget is \$200,000.

RICJ PROGRAMS

- ◆ Project RESPECT Leadership Institute, an intensive summer camp program for at risk high school students.
- ◆ Youth Action Council, an afterschool program to continue the leadership training begun in Project RESPECT.
- ◆ (no longer funded) Leadership for a Future, collaboration with ISLR to train grassroots leaders in organizing.
- ◆ Juvenile Justice Program: Court, police, DCYF, schools, community, working for on system changes that promote community diversion for juveniles and make incarceration a last resort.
- ◆ RI Civil Rights Roundtable, multi-agency community coalition working on public policy and social justice.
- ◆ Metcalf Diversity in the Media program, highlighting exemplary diversity journalism in the state and region.
- ◆ Productive Workplace Diversity, training and consulting program in diversity and cultural competence.
- ◆ Dialogue Programs: The Rhode Island Wall of Hope, an inspirational mosaic of tiles created after 9/11/01; Community dialogues on topics such as "Traces of the Trade" history of slavery, and Interfaith Dialogue.
- ◆ Community & Justice Awards that showcase and honor exemplary contributions of community leaders.

RHODE ISLAND FOR COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE

THE MISSION OF RICJ is to fight bias, bigotry and racism, and to promote understanding and mutual respect among all races, cultures and religions through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.

Vision: An inclusive world; a better place for all of us, not just some. Motto: "Building understanding. Together"

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