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Dear Judge Calloway,

On behalf of Mayor Megan Barry and the entire review panel, I want to thank you for submitting *The Bridge* as a Public Investment Plan. Metro is fortunate to have team members like you who are dedicated to creating a more open, collaborative culture within every department. You are to be commended for your excellent work on this proposal!

It is, therefore, our pleasure to inform you that Mayor Barry has approved your PIP for funding in her FY2017 budget proposal. This initial investment by Metro, provided through the newly established Innovation Investment Fund, is not a commitment to the out years in your proposal. Rather, FY2017 resources will be dedicated to evaluation and planning to further illuminate the details of your PIP, as well as funding needs.

As you know, reducing both youth unemployment and instances of youth violence are top priorities for Mayor Barry. Both she and the committee applaud the solutions put forth in your PIP, especially in regards to a central agency to aggregate job opportunities available to young Nashvillians. To that end, it is the recommendation of the committee that your team further study these solutions and present a modified version for FY2018 budget consideration.

Again, thank you for the time and effort you expended convening this PIP. We know that the work is not easy and we recognize your invaluable contribution. The Department of Finance is always available to answer any questions and we will provide additional guidelines regarding outcome reporting requirements prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Talia Lomax-O'dneal".

Talia Lomax-O'dneal  
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