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Dear Go Gulfport,

It is with pleasure that I express the City of Gulfport's support for the community reinvestment efforts of Go Gulfport and the Soria City Flourishing project. Your efforts since 2019 to carry out trauma-informed community engagement and equitable, transit-oriented development are contributing to our city both today and into the future. We share your interest in maintaining and celebrating the stories of East Gulfport's historic neighborhoods while seeking to meaningfully address the health disparities, disinvestment, and other issues residents of these communities are facing.

As a City, we take our responsibility to build, maintain, and invest in public infrastructure seriously, ensuring that those who live, work, and play here have a healthy, quality environment to live their day-to-day lives. As storms seem to be increasing in frequency and severity, we have a keen interest in meaningfully addressing storm water infrastructure and interventions that protect homes and businesses in our community.

We look forward to working with you towards our shared community being one where all can flourish and commit to doing our part in making this possible. As such, we anticipate collaborating where possible on the Soria City Flourishing project and corresponding efforts and programming for our community over the next several years.

Best Regards,

Billy Hewes Mayor