



June 5, 2025

City Council
City of Maricopa
39700 W Civic Center Plaza
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

On behalf of the Hope Key Foundation, I am writing to respectfully request a Resolution of Support from the City of Maricopa to accompany our grant application to the Ak-Chin Indian Community's 2024 Prop 202 - 12% Grant Program.

The Hope Key Foundation is dedicated to empowering high-risk and underserved youth in Maricopa through academic support, mentoring, and social-emotional learning programs. Our mission is to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline by providing students ages 7 to 17 with the tools, resources, and guidance they need to succeed in school and in life. Since our founding, we have served over 300 youth in Maricopa and surrounding areas, working closely with local schools, families, and community partners.

A Resolution of Support from the City of Maricopa will strengthen our grant application and demonstrate the community's shared commitment to improving educational outcomes for all local youth, including those from tribal communities. With your support, we can continue to provide targeted tutoring, mentoring, and enrichment opportunities that foster academic achievement, resilience, and personal growth.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and ongoing partnership. Please let us know if you require any additional information or would like to discuss our programs further. We look forward to the opportunity to work together to create a brighter future for Maricopa's youth.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

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