

## **Title: Memorandum of Community: Historic South Melbourne Community Coalition**

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Historic South Melbourne Community Coalition is to unite and empower our diverse community, reclaiming our history and promoting equity, sustainability, and well-being. Through collaboration and advocacy, we strive for economic stability, food security, education, infrastructure, environmental justice, and access to healthcare. Together, we create a vibrant, inclusive South Melbourne, preserving its history and embracing future prosperity.

### **Background:**

The Historic South Melbourne Community Coalition comprises diverse organizations, including residents, churches, not-for-profit organizations, and other community stakeholders committed to fostering equitable access to funding and resources. This Memorandum of Community aims to establish a collaborative agreement among these organizations to support the development of the local community, encompassing economic growth, food security, education, infrastructure, environmental justice, and access to healthcare.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Community is to create a unified community coalition that works together to overcome barriers in accessing resources and promotes the holistic development of the South Melbourne community. By aligning our efforts and sharing information, we aim to enhance our collective capacity to secure funding and resources for the benefit of the Historic South Melbourne community.

### **Statement of Mutual Benefit:**

Through this Memorandum of Community, the undersigned organizations recognize the mutual benefits of collaboration, information sharing, and resource mobilization. By joining forces, we can amplify our impact, address community needs more effectively, and ensure the sustainable growth and well-being of Historic South Melbourne.

### **Description of Partners' Responsibilities:**

1. We agree to collaborate as a unified community, recognizing that we are all stakeholders with lived and learned experiences representative of the Historic South Melbourne community.
2. We commit to identifying and sharing information about available funding opportunities, resources, and support programs that can aid community leaders in accessing these resources.
3. We acknowledge the cultural relevance of the organizations within this community and agree to support and promote initiatives that advance the development of Historic South Melbourne in the areas of economic growth, food security, education, infrastructure, environmental justice, and access to healthcare.
4. We will actively participate in community engagement activities, meetings, and initiatives to further our shared goals.
5. Each organization will designate a representative who will serve as a point of contact and facilitate effective communication among the partner organizations.
6. We will work towards a holistic vision that encompasses the present and future success of the Historic South Melbourne community.

**Terms of Understanding:**

1. This Memorandum of Community shall remain in effect in perpetuity, starting from the date of signing.
2. All partners agree to act in good faith, respecting the principles of collaboration and mutual support.
3. Each partner organization retains its autonomy and independence while actively participating in collaborative efforts outlined in this memorandum.
4. Any disputes arising from this agreement will be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation between the involved parties.
5. In the event that a resolution cannot be reached, the dispute will be referred to a neutral third party or mediator, whose decision shall be binding.

**Authorization:**

By signing below, the undersigned organization/individual express their commitment to the Memorandum of Community: Historic South Melbourne Community Coalition, and agree to uphold the responsibilities and principles outlined herein.

**Organization's Information (Not with an organization, please complete "Individual's Information")**

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization representative name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization email and contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's rep. signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual's Information (complete this section if you are not representing an organization):**

Individual's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number, if not the same as above: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual's signature: \_\_\_\_\_