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American Planning Association
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1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Suite 400
Washington, CD 20036-1914

Dear Awards Committee:

The American Planning Association Planning and Women Division supports this exemplary nomination of Marva Smith Battle-Bey for the Diana Donald National Award for Issues of Importance to Women and Families. Ms. Battle-Bey exceeds the criterium for this award. Her “support for women and the family” is exemplified by the recognition two decades ago that an area of Los Angeles, Vermont Slauson, dominated by women and women-headed households desperately needed an infusion of economic development that translated into jobs, grocery store, fast-food restaurants, and other goods and services.

In addition by the results of this work, she has shown her “effectiveness has been realized” and has been involved “in furthering the cause of women’s issues through planning.” Ms. Battle-Bey has merged the theory learned for her degrees in planning with practice applied to the Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti Petrie".

Patti Petrie, Chair
APA Planning and Women Division