

The Hortense B. Perry Foundation  
Eta Omega Chapter of  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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To: The Louisville Metro Department of Planning and Design

The Hortense B. Perry Foundation, the non-profit entity of the Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (hereafter known as the Foundation), desires to acquire and develop properties located at 3107 S Crums Lane, Louisville, Kentucky 40216-4416 for the primary purpose to provide a permanent site for the Foundation to carry out its mission "To be of supreme service to all mankind." The site will be developed into a campus for the Foundation. The facility will be the site for committee meetings, chapter program meetings and include historical and archival storage space for the chapter's documents. In addition to meetings, the Foundation will use the facility to host its community outreach programs such as clothes giveaways, middle and high school mentoring programs, community health initiative programs, educational activities and other programs that may fall under the national target initiatives. The facility will be available for rental to the public for private functions and activities (i.e., baby showers, wedding receptions, community meeting space, etc.).

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. founded in 1908 at Howard University is the first Greek-letter organization established by and for African-American college-trained women. This sorority was organized to cultivate and establish high scholastic and ethical standards; assist in improving the social standing of people of color; promote unity and friendship among college women; and keep alive an interest in higher learning and the progressive movement.

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As Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. grows in chapter membership, it keeps in balance two important themes: the importance of the individual and the strength of an organization for women of ability and courage. In this complex world there is a need to cross racial, geographical, political, physical, and social barriers. The sorority's influence extends beyond campus quads and student interest. It is the legacy of service that deepens, rather than ends with college graduation. Program activities center on significant issues in families, communities, government and world assembly chambers. Its efforts constitute a priceless part of the global experience in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

The Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was chartered in 1922 in Louisville, Kentucky has its foundation the aspirations and national principles established by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 1908. Foundation principles are and continue to be ones that cultivate and encourage high scholastic achievement, ethical standards, improving the standing of persons of color, promote unity and friendship among women; and service to the communities in which they live.

Hortense B. Perry Foundation is named for a loyal dedicated member of the Eta Omega Chapter. Hortense B. Perry upon her death, willed a large endowment to Eta Omega Chapter's foundation for scholarships. The Foundation is named in her honor.

Eta Omega Chapter and the Foundation desire to develop a signature address in the Louisville Metro community serving the broader community and its membership in support of that mission "To be of supreme service to all mankind". The primary purpose of the facility is to provide a permanent site to carry out that mission.

Also, in support of the Foundation and Eta Omega Chapter's mission I have listed below some of the signature and program events describing the nature of the organization services and outreach activities:

**Hortense B. Perry Foundation a 501 (c) 3 foundation of Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Derby Brunch** – This fundraising event helps the foundation and chapter promote "high scholastic" achievement for high school girls and college women. In the past five years we have awarded more than, \$250,000 to high school seniors and college students through direct funding scholarships and book/ supply awards.

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**Salute to Women Entrepreneurs and Emerging Leaders** – The Salute is a partnership with Spalding University and recognizes the contributions to society and community of women business owners and community leaders. Among the past recipients are Alice Houston (Houston-Johnson Inc.), Paula McCraney (**P Mc & Associates/The Traveling Boutique**), and Tangy Hunter Hughes (House of Hope). **This free event would be moved to the new property once completed.**

**Little Miss AKA Cotillion** – This event is a culmination of workshops and programs designed to promote and cultivate young girls (grades 3 to 5) in etiquette, elegance, and poise while building self-esteem and confidence. The event is a fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the Foundation, target, and signature programs.

**Emerging Young Leaders** - A program focused on providing leadership development, civic engagement, enhanced academic preparation and character building for girls in grades 6-8.

### **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. 2018-2022 Programs**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is dedicated to implementing programs of service that enhance the social, economic, and educational well-being of the local, national and international communities. Programs remain the heart of AKA. The size and scope of services provided to our communities have grown and significantly improve the quality of life for all who reside within our service area.

The program theme for 2018-2022 is Exemplifying Excellence through Sustainable Service. The International Program includes five program targets that are designed to advance the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha with excellence and underscore our commitment to sustainable service. The Foundation and the Eta Omega Chapter will have an opportunity to address community needs in five targeted areas:

- HBCU for Life: A Call to Action
- Women's Healthcare and Wellness
- Building Your Economic Legacy
- The Arts
- Global Impact

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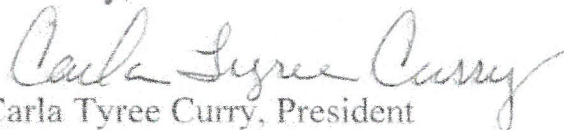
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We plan for this center to be the place where we as women working together will provide educational, cultural, and socio-economic development services for children, families and seniors in our community.

Sincerely,



Carla Tyree Curry, President  
Hortense B. Perry Foundation

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