

SOUTH PHILLY SIGMA SHARKS

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My name is Anthony Meadows and I am the President of the South Philly Sigma Sharks. I am writing to express my organizations support for the extension of the Keystone Opportunity Zone designation (KOZ) to include Hilco Redevelopment Partners at the former Sunoco refinery site.

COVID-19 has affected many industries in a variety of ways, including our youth sports and development organization. Our normal operating efforts have been severely impacted by COVID which almost put us in jeopardy of not being able to deliver our usual programming to our participants. We were introduced to Jasmine Sessoms, the Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs for HRP Philly, and we told her our story. She was already familiar with our organization and was enthusiastic to hear how Hilco could help. Together we found solutions to ensure our student youth athletes would be able to continue activities this year. We also have started discussing other ways to meaningfully partner in the future. Hilco has shown us they will be an engaged community partner who is willing to helping the youth in the community which they now reside.

The SPS Sharks organization believes you should extend this KOZ by considering Hilco Redevelopment Partners' actions as a responsible corporate citizen who has already helped the youth of South Philadelphia and is committed to continuing their efforts. We fully endorse their request and ask you to help move their efforts forward in transforming the former refinery into a sustainable, job-creating engine for the region and one we can all be proud of.

Respectfully Submitted,
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