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MEMO RE: Midnight Basketball Contract

TO: Allentown City Council

CC: Lindsay L. Taylor, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation

Solution Services, Inc. is the organization that coordinates the Allentown Mentoring Enrichment Network (AMEN Initiative), which has historically run the Midnight Basketball Program in Allentown year-round. This program provides a positive, safe opportunity for Allentown youth to participate in basketball and life skills program during high-risk hours (9pm – 12am).

Solution Services, Inc. is the only provider of the Midnight Basketball Program in the area, thus they are the sole-source for this contract. The faith-based organization runs an organized, coordinated effort that affects 200 Allentown youth annually.

The City of Allentown has traditionally budgeted an annual contract amount to contribute to support this program of \$16,500. This money is again allocated in the 2017 budget.

Yours in recreation,

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