September 26, 2019

Mayor Jim Bouley and the City Council
City of Concord
41 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mayor Bouley and City Councilors,

We are writing to share with you some exciting news, that effective October 1, 2019, New American Africans (NAA) will become a program of the Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success (ORIS), a non-profit and immigrant-led organization whose mission aligns with that of NAA – *to aid in the resettlement of refugees and immigrants in New Hampshire by providing assistance, training, resources, and opportunities that promote self-sufficiency.*

This important move follows several months of deliberation between our boards of directors, and several years of close collaboration between our two organizations. It is our hope and belief that such a merger will strengthen and sustain our capacity to serve African community members in Concord.

New American Africans has been accompanying and supporting African families and youth in Concord since 2004. This good work has been generously supported by the City of Concord since 2015, including with an allocation of $5,000 for the current fiscal year. The work for which these funds were granted—to support African families in Concord as they seek to address issues related to their economic well-being and security—will continue to be implemented by New American Africans' staff working in Concord. Only the management structure will change so as to ensure greater sustainability and efficiency.

In light of this change in management, we write to request that the future payments of this year's $5,000 allocation be made directly to ORIS to support NAA's ongoing work in Concord. We look forward to a healthy and productive future for our local work.

Thank you for your ongoing support and your efforts to ensure that Concord is a welcoming community for all.

All the best,

Maggie Fogarty, Board Treasurer
New American Africans

Mukhtar Idhow, Executive Director
Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success