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Dear Potential Partnership,

This year marks 116 year of the establishment of the town of Allensworth, California which is now a California State Historic Park. California State Parks will mark this anniversary through our special event programs, one of which is the “Annual Town Rededication” which will be held October 12, 2024. Several thousand people are expected to attend. One of the opening day activities at this event will be the “Colonel Allensworth 5k Run Walk for Health.” The 5k Run Walk for Health will take place in the park.

As you are aware, addressing health issues is one of the highest priorities facing California and the country at large. This event will bring focus to this very important Issue. In August of 1908, Colonel Allen Allensworth and four of other settlers established a town founded, financed and governed by African Americans. In 1974 California State Parks purchased land within the historical town site of Allensworth and it became Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. Today, a collection of lovingly restored and reconstructed early 20th century buildings once again dot this flat farm country giving new life to the dreams of these visionary pioneers.

We cordially invite you to join us in a partnership to showcase the history of Allensworth, which is now a State Historic Park. We have enclosed a partnership package for your review. Please contact Dorothy Benjamin, Project Coordinator at (916) 346-4767 or info@allensworth5krunwalk.org to discuss your participation in the Colonel Allensworth 5k Run Walk for Health.

Thank you for your time consideration.

Sincerely,

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