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## Why we're investing \$700K in the West End

Charles Thomas, Knight Foundation [web@knightfoundation.org]

**Sent:** Monday, November 04, 2019 12:44 PM

**To:** [Steve Johnston](#)

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Dear Sarah,

Knight recently announced nearly \$700,000 in new support for [nine local projects](#) to foster a more connected, vibrant and prosperous Historic West End. Why?

At Knight, we believe this is a critical moment in Charlotte's growth to support an approach to development that puts residents at the center of the conversation.

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Charlotte is experiencing impressive growth in population, ideas and opportunity. Yet, this brings new challenges, especially for historic and underserved neighborhoods outside of center city — such as the Historic West End.

To ensure our city's growth supports all Charlotteans, it's critical that residents have access to the tools and resources necessary to guide public and private investment to foster neighborhoods of high opportunity.

"What narratives are we going to choose to shape our city? At Knight, we hope Charlotte's story can be one of connected communities and economic opportunity for all." —Charles Thomas, Knight Foundation director in Charlotte.


With new Knight support, these [nine projects](#) are growing their work to expand economic opportunity, support resident engagement, and increase vibrancy in Charlotte's Historic West End.

To learn more about our newest investments in Charlotte, read my [new blog post](#) or see the [press release](#).

Warm regards,

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