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To Whom It May Concern,

Blindspot Collective is pleased to pursue a partnership with Live Well San Diego (LWSD). LWSD's vision of a region that is building better health, living safely, and thriving aligns closely to Blindspot Collective's vision of transformative theatre that amplifies marginalized voices, illuminates untold stories, bridges disparate experiences, and energizes vulnerable communities. Blindspot Collective is a unique theatre company with a deep commitment to both excellent performing arts programming and authentic community development that provides a platform to underrepresented communities and individuals.

The arts are an integral part of supporting the thriving component of Live Well San Diego. Blindspot Collective's original artistic work focuses on important public health issues such as bullying, racial injustice, and mental health issues that our communities are experiencing. Our work helps highlight the importance of mental health and focus on resilience as important components to healthy, safety, and well-being. Our programs, including *Safa's Story*, *The Magic in This Soul*, and *Untold*, bring awareness of issues impacting immigrants, people with disabilities, Muslims, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and veterans battling post-traumatic stress disorder to the forefront of community conversations.

Our work has been seen by over 5,000 students across San Diego County in the past year, which includes ongoing partnerships with the Cajon Valley Union School District and the San Diego Unified School District. Through a partnership with Live Well San Diego, Blindspot can continue to pursue community engaged work, which comes from strong partnerships and real connections. A partnership with Live Well San Diego would be mutually beneficial to both entities. The County can promote mental health awareness and accessible services at upcoming performances, and Blindspot Collective can pursue community engaged work with LWSD's other local partners to expand programming to new communities and venues. We see exciting opportunities for us to implement our innovative programs and projects that align with LWSD's thriving strategy, encouraging all people and communities to grow, connect, and enjoy the highest quality of life.

Sincerely,



Blake McCarty, Director of Artistic Development

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