

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

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I have been a resident of Washington D C since 1943 I have lived in every quadrant of this City.

It has been my observation that Housing projects that are segregated according to income do not work

Mixed affordable housing Communities 'on the other hand, communicate with each other and share the same vision of prosperity

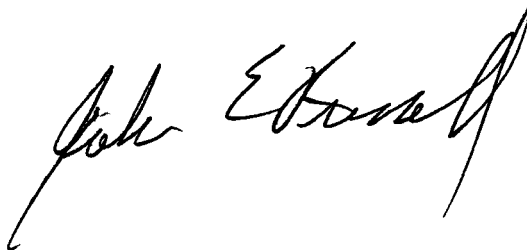
Home owners have an invested interest in the community and work with all residents for the betterment of all

The District of Columbia Government historically have not been good landlords, they have been slow in responding to the problems of maintenance and holding those tenants accountable who are disruptive and destructive to the properties and the communities in which they live

Two Months ago the community sponsored a Teen Board Game Night We were allowed to have access to the community recreation facility located at 1100 New Jersey Ave This facility is an upscale high-rise condominium

Teens from all mixed incomes participated, Parents were not allowed, this affair was chaperoned by the sponsors The fun and laughter they shared was unbelievable!

Martin Luther King had a dream that this type of community would exist one day, and I am proud to be a part this mixed community!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Russell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.