

**Testimony for January 8, 2015**

**from Armanda Taylor, President**

**Arthur Capper Riverfront Tenant Association**

The Arthur Capper Riverfront Tenant Association's members join voices with all those who decry any effort to distort, delay, or dismiss Hope VI's goal to produce a successfully diverse housing development. Based on our own personal experiences, we firmly believe that a vibrant and evolving neighborhood in which to live and work would have to encompass economic, age, racial and cultural diversity. The stimulation from being around a host of activities and actions produced by various age groups with an assortment of interests affects seniors, for example, in ways beyond measure. I could not find anyone to disagree with that premise.

Therefore we strongly advocate that the Capper Carrollsburg Venture LLC (ccv) and DCHA should not be granted their request for flexibility regarding the location and distribution of the 206 remaining units for displaced residents from former Arthur Capper Public Housing. The notion that DCHA would use the flexibility to expedite the project and create separate buildings instead of an inclusive construction project in one place would mean a disaster in the making. Any huge and obvious distinction between market price and affordable housing in the construction planning would be the beginning of a constant litany of discord that would never, ever stop.

DCHA is known for its very poor track record in creating viable diverse housing projects. As residents in the Capper Carrollsburg Community, we want to do all we can to ensure that our community is a success story. And we certainly hope that the Office of Zoning will hear our sincere concerns.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Armanda Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.