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Re: BZA Application for 1400 Montana Avenue NE - Letter in Support

Dear Chairman Hill and Members of the Board,

On behalf of The Historic Berean Baptist Church of Washington DC, the current occupant of the building located at 1400 Montana Avenue NE, Washington, DC, I write to express strong support for the residential development proposed by Mid-City Financial Corporation ("MidCity") on behalf of the new owners. We have met with representatives of MidCity on multiple occasions, and we understand that they are seeking several forms of zoning relief for their planned project on the site.

The property has been the home of our congregation for many years. In 2018, we commenced a competitive market process to sell the land in order to find a new space which better meets our needs. Once they bought the property, MidCity agreed to lease us back the space for a set period of time, and have been sound partners and landlords as we work to secure our new home.

We are pleased with the plans for new development, which MidCity presented to us. As such, we are writing to offer our full support for this application. The proposed project would serve as a great location for additional housing opportunities. We have no concerns with the requested zoning relief because the use would fit in with the neighborhood and it does not present any issues in its design or bulk. Therefore, we do not believe the approval of this project will have any adverse impact on the neighborhood. We strongly recommend the Board approve the zoning relief and allow the building process to proceed. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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