



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
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**1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

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Dr. James C. Perkins  
Progressive National Baptist Convention CDC  
601 50<sup>th</sup> Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20019

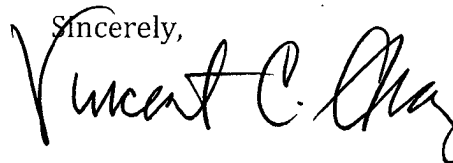
Dear Dr. Perkins:

I am writing this letter in support of the Progressive National Baptist Convention CDC (PNBC) for its Planned Unit Development of Providence Place, a 100 unit, new construction community of high quality affordable housing on its main campus located at 601 50<sup>th</sup> Street, NE in Ward 7 of our city.

The preservation and development of affordable housing in the District is a top priority and one of the core components in the city's strategy to create several thousand units of affordable housing over the next decade. Providence Place presents a unique opportunity to revitalize the property of a longtime community stakeholder in Deanwood, while delivering affordable and replacement housing linked to the District's New Communities Initiative for Lincoln Heights. Providence Place is aligned with the city's strategy and our opportunity to enhance the community's efforts for redevelopment, revitalization and investment.

I commend your leadership and the efforts of the PNBC organization to protect and create a community of choice with affordable housing opportunities that will improve the lives of our residents. I look forward to your success.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
  
Vincent C. Gray