

Portner Place Tenants Association

June 24, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Vice President of the Portner Place Tenants Association, I am writing to declare our support of the proposed redevelopment of Portner Place. We have been working with Somerset Development for many years. During that time, we have had many discussions on what the project would look like and how it would proceed. We were active participants in the discussions, took votes and voiced our preferences clearly.

We were presented with several development ideas for the new project. One idea would have scattered us among young market rate professionals with different needs and wants than our majority family and elderly community. We rejected this idea in favor of being in a family-oriented wing of the building on V Street which will have larger two and three bedroom units and amenities that will serve our children such amenities as a playground, afterschool and summer programs and computer classes which won't be available in Wing B on U Street. We were also clear that we did not want to face U Street, with all its noise and bustle. We prefer being in the wing on V Street, which will have a quieter, more family-oriented feeling.

We understand that this is a large project. To allow for the construction of our new, more updated units we have to leave what we currently have. We understand that it could take two years or more for the project to be built. Somerset has assured us and signed an agreement stating that they will be providing us with temporary apartments during our time of relocation and will be paying for us to move off and back on to the site.

Again, we enthusiastically support the Portner Place development project.

Thank you,

 6/25/14

Wanda Simms,
Vice President