

**FREDERICK DOUGLASS HOUSING CORPORATION
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Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220 - South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case #14-18 Mid-City Financial Corporation
1st - Stage PUD & Related Map Amendment @
Squares 3953, 3954, 4024, & 4025

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the PUD filed by Mid-City Financial Corporation to redevelop Brookland Manor as a town center style with mixed use. Our organization has been involved with the owners in our development since the mid 1970's. Eugene Ford and the Mid-City team were instrumental in our purchase and renovation of the former Douglass Glen Garden Apartments which were extensively renovated and renamed, Frederick Douglass Garden Apartments. Mr. Ford's vision and financing led to an improved housing environment in our community. We continue to be partners with them. We are the owners of the land and partner with the Mid-city team in the apartment complex, they manage the property.

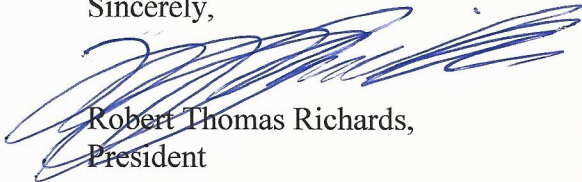
As part of their management they have provided tenant services: including among others community services and amenities, summer youth programs and jobs and financial literacy programs. We have supported some of these programs financially and some of our Board members have committed time as volunteers in their programs.

We have looked at the designs and material submitted in support of their application and find them to be a thoughtful and modern approach to the future housing needs of the District of Columbia. Mid-City plans to create a better environment for our seniors, a community that is inclusive of others who may want to buy a new townhome, open up a new neighborhood shops, provide market rate apartments , circumstances which do not currently exist in that community.

All that while retaining the Section 8 contract and making a 20% commitment to affordable housing.

Knowing the team for as long as we have, working with them and having seen their support for our community, we highly recommend them to you with our assurance that you will find them to be responsible, generous, attentive owners and developers. We highly endorse this development and by vote of the Board authorize this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Thomas Richards", written over the printed name.

Robert Thomas Richards,
President