



March 13, 2015

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter regarding the redevelopment of Brookland Manor Apartments, the apartment complex and community where I grew up. My family, including my mother and 6 siblings moved there (1335 Saratoga Ave., NE, Apt 6) in January 1977. My mother remained a resident there until she passed away in 2012. My grandmother, uncles and cousins lived in Brookland Manor, in separate units over the years. Therefore, I have deep roots and ties to that community and I'm eager to see improvements and a regeneration of that area.

I am the founder of the Richards Group Foundation. In 2013, I started a mentoring program (Project 1335) for the youth in Brookland Manor. We meet on Monday evenings at the Brookland Manor Senior & Youth Center. Those kids have made some positive strides and have shown improvements with their grades, social relationships and overall personality progression. I believe the redevelopment project will give these kids hope for success in their future. They need a safe place to live and travel to and from school. The impact of a positive and safe environment is highly favorable and advantageous within their personal growth & development, individually and as a community.

I am excited and hopeful that this plan to renew and revitalize the Brookland Manor community will have a positive effect on everyone there, not just the residents but the adjacent communities and local businesses, as well.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Richards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Stan" and "Richards" being capitalized and prominent.

Regards,
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