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For roughly two years, I have lived four blocks from Brookland Manor and have benefited greatly from the community that it fosters. While I do not live in the building, I am a member of the surrounding community and will be impacted by any decision to move forward with the Mid-City Financial development plan. I feel strongly that the current plans proposed by Mid-City Financial are unacceptable.

First, as a neighbor, and D.C. resident (and someone who also on housing policy for work), I cannot accept the displacement of *any* Brookland Manor residents due to the development plans under consideration. I have no interest in seeing yet another, unaffordable, poorly made, luxury building enter our community. The plan put forth by Mid-City would do just that. Moreover, families and elderly D.C. residents who live in Brookland Manor will have their lives upended—through displacement, homelessness, or, if they are among the VERY small number of current residents who can remain in the new development, they will most certainly face higher rent and a deep loss of community.

Mid-City Financial has outlined a plan to demolish all 535 units of affordable housing, and replace it with over 1700 units of mostly luxury apartments. Under their proposed plan, overall affordability will be reduced from 535 to 373 units, and all five, four, and most three-bedroom units eliminated.

Unfortunately, the crisis has already started. Residents of Brookland Manor have been subjected to discrimination based on family size; have faced documented harassment at the hands of a private armed security force; and mass evictions that were only slowed down after the press reported on it (most notably, the Washington Post). I have seen the belongings of elderly residents and families' strew outside after an eviction. Where can they go? To the shelter? That is unacceptable conditions for anyone, let alone elderly and young children.

I am deeply disappointed that Mid-City's efforts to displace my neighbors have gone unchallenged by Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie. Furthermore, Mid-City's displacement tactics have gone unchallenged by the Zoning Commission. That is why I am writing to demand that this development plan be halted immediately until a better plan that does not displace any of the residents of Brookland Manor can be created.

I stand with my neighbors--the tenants of Brookland Manor—and call for the inclusion of robust affordable housing, including the retention of large bedrooms, so that no resident is displaced from their existing community. I will not stand idly by as hundreds of people are forced from their home and community.

Sincerely,

Abby Schanfield