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Subject: Case Number 14-18A

I am a D.C. constituent from ward 2. To the extent that it is possible, I am writing to urge the zoning board to reject Mid-City Financial's redevelopment plan and the necessary permits to implement their plan. Mid-City Financial has engaged in coercive and inhumane tactics to evict poor tenants with families, jobs, and substantial ties to the D.C. community. Their actions should be strongly condemned to send a message to the tenants that they are valued and supported in the D.C. community. Furthermore, Mid-City Financial's plan eliminates hundreds of affordable units from a rapidly depleting source of affordable housing in D.C. Affordable housing is an extremely important issue to me as a constituent and I understand that committee members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. I will be paying close attention to this issue and will not hesitate to contact the Mayor's office if I am displeased with the actions and decisions of the zoning commission. I saw this because I am worried for this city and how unaffordable it is becoming and i want to ensure that the zoning commission—who is one of the primary public protective forces against displacement and gentrification—prioritizes both the preservation of existing affordable housing and the creation of additional public housing.

If the development is too far along and the development cannot be rejected wholesale, then I urge the commission, in the alternative to require that Mid-City prove more affordable units overall, and more affordable large-family units specifically.

Finally, if you have not already done so, I urge you all to visit the landlord tenant court in D.C. to really see the human costs of eviction and displacement. You will notice that over 90% of the tenants in the courtroom are black. That is not a coincidence.