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Testimony of Shavon Graham

My name is Shavon Graham, and I live at 602 Morton St., Unit 21. I've lived at Park Morton for almost 4 years.

I support the redevelopment of Park Morton because I think that the new housing will improve our lives. As residents, we make do with what we have, but we want something better like everyone else.

Our buildings are not in the greatest condition. We deal with mold, rodents, bad plumbing, and paint chipping off the walls. We deserve better housing. We are watching the rest of the neighborhood get redeveloped around us, so now it's time for Park Morton.

I also support developing Bruce Monroe because it allows the developer to rebuild Park Morton faster. I want an opportunity to live in a nicer apartment. I used to live in a market-rate apartment, so I know how expensive housing can get. For me, public housing is a support system. I don't want to live here forever; one day, I want to buy a house. But while I live here, I think it is important that this project happens so all of us can have better housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.