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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Allison fisher and I have lived since 2015, a few blocks away from Park Morton and one block away from the proposed Park Morton First build site.

I am here to echo the voices of my neighbors, the Park Morton residents, and their demands that the commission includes the Park Morton Equity Plan in any decision you make today. This includes that the residents are integrated into the development deal as a partner who has an equity stake in the project and a seat at the decision-making table. As part of the Comprehensive Plan, commissioners, you need to consider racial equity impacts in any projects. By adopting the Park Mortin Equity Plan, it will help you to meet these requirements.

My neighbors at Park Mortain have been waiting since 2007 for new homes as promised by the New Communities Initiative. Fourteen years is an extremely long time to wait. During that time affordable housing has dramatically decreased within in the district. I believe that everyone has a right to a home and you as the housing commission as the ability to make these changes happen. My neighbors deserve your dignity and respect

Social Science research shows that stable housing leads children can do well in school and that parents can have a consistent commute to work, each of which reduces overall stress and financial stress for the households.

Commissioners, you have an opportunity to bring more equity to my neighbors. They have been promised so much by the New Communities Initiative. You all have the opportunity to make sure Park Morton residents have the opportunity for homeownership and co-ops by endorsing the Park Mortin Equity Plan. And we know that homeownership is one of the most important ways for low-income and BIPOC households to build wealth and move up the economic ladder.

Thank you for your time today.

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