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Good morning,

Attached please find a public statement we would like to add to the record for this case. After discovering a number conversations and questions being raised around our letter of support we wanted to re affirm our stance. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have, thank you.

*Rev. Wendy Hamilton
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September 14, 2024

In light of recent developments and concerns expressed around the pending [Martin's View Redevelopment Project](#) (MVRP) located in Single Member District 8D07, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 8D Commissioners would like to provide clarifying information regarding our position and process.

ANC 8D conversations with the Developers for the project were initiated in and around August 2023 and have been ongoing, public, and inclusive since that time. Developers and their community outreach team have attended multiple public meetings to provide updates, information, and insight in real-time, in addition to a separate Community-based public meeting sponsored by the ANC that was held in February 2024 at the Bellevue Library. Concurrently, the developers held 15+ public meetings in the community. If you missed any of those meetings, please feel free to visit the [MVRP website](#) to view the recordings of those meetings on their "Engagement Opportunities" page.

We have remained transparent, open, and inclusive throughout this process, endeavoring to capture the voices of as many Martin View's tenants and community residents as we could. With their collective concerns duly noted, we submitted a letter in support of the project that included the lingering concerns that some community members expressed. We have strongly encouraged everyone to attend the board Zoning Hearing held on July 22nd as another means to have their voices directly on record regarding the plan.

We were deeply disheartened to learn that our efforts had not fully met the expectations of some members of the community. We understand that in most situations, there will always be some agreement and disagreement with major decisions that have to be made. As an Advisory body, the ANC does not have the power to prevent a project from moving forward or deny a project from beginning. Legally, we can only offer feedback in written form that reflects the sentiment of the majority of the Community. We followed that guidance and completed our obligation to the process in time for the hearing.

At no time did we ever, or would we ever, accept ANY form of financial payment or cash incentive for our letter of support with conditions. The \$175,000 the developer offered in the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) to be awarded to local non-profits included our recommendation of the Community of Hope (8D01), The Well at Oxon Run (8D08), and the DC Preparatory Academy (8D01) and Johnson Middle School Athletic Department (selected by the developer) to be

recipients of said monies as each organization provides vital services to the Bellevue Community.

The entirety of our focus was and continues to be serving the constituents of our Bellevue community. While we've been made aware that other groups are working on separate documents regarding a CBA/addendum, our stance on our filed document remains unchanged at this time. We want you to know that your needs and concerns are our top priority.

As always, we invite all residents to attend our regular monthly hybrid meetings held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm via [Zoom](#) and in person at the Community of Hope, 4 Atlantic St. SW. We look forward to seeing you there.

cc: Denise Witkor, General Counsel, Office of Advisory Neighborhood
Commissioners
Sharon Schellin, Secretary, Board Zoning Commission

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