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To: Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission
Re: Letter of support for ZC Case No. 24-15, 901 Monroe Street, LLC.
Dt: 6-2-2025

Deaf-REACH Inc has been a non profit business and member of the local Brookland community for 53 years. We offer support services including counseling, day programming, interpreting and housing to deaf and hard of hear people. We are in support of ZC Case No. 24-15, 901 Monroe Street, LLC.

Deaf-REACH staff and clients live and work in Brookland and conduct business in the community including dry cleaning, pharmacy, grocery shopping, banking, farmer's market, restaurants and other activities. There are approximately 35 staff and 90 clients associated with Deaf-REACH Inc who have a substantial impact on the local business community; of these approximately 20 clients and 4 staff live in Brookland.

We are in support of the 901 Monroe project for the following reasons:

- 1) The space has been empty and unused for many years and needs to become a part of the community.
- 2) The development will bring increased residents who will help develop the Brookland business community, including supporting both the local retail community and the non profit community in volunteering, board involvement, donations etc.
- 3) The development plan provides an attractive building with sustainable technology, landscaping and increased tree plantings for shade, lighting for safety, larger sidewalks which support a walkable community -- a community that is friendly to those with mobility challenges and has been developed and planned by local business developers Horning Brothers and the Menkiti Group.

Sincerely,

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Michele May
Executive Director