

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission-

I am writing a letter to voice my support for the 901 Monroe Project. I have lived or worked in the Brookland neighborhood now for 18 years and raised my children here. I have been an advocate for this project since the very beginning when both myself and my very pregnant wife at the time, testified on behalf of this project back in 2011/2012! We have watched the community develop over the past decade plus, with some incredible work that in my opinion has greatly improved the neighborhood from both a quality of living standpoint as well as from a property value standpoint. While it has been encouraging to see this progress and see the gradual improvements, it still feels as though our neighborhood is lagging in its speed of development and improvement rate, relative to many neighboring communities, and the fact that the 901 Monroe block has remained untouched is a reminder of that. I believe we have an opportunity with this site and what I understand are the developers' plans for it, to really enhance the neighborhood. The fact that this location is so close to the metro and so many people's daily commute, I think makes this location one of the most important ones to focus on in the neighborhood. Furthermore, the fact that the units are intended to be affordable AND that this location is right next to public transportation, would seem as though it makes this a perfect place to create an amazing living space for mid-income families and individuals.

So please take this letter as a strong endorsement from a long time Brooklander who would be thrilled if you and the commission can help advance this project!

Warm Regards-



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