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Zoning Commission 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 200-S Washington, DC 20001

Dear Zoning Commission Members:

I am delighted to write this letter in support of the application submitted by Mid-City Financial Corporation, before your commission as CASE No. 14-18 (Mid-City Financial Corporation-1st-Stage PUD & Related Map Amendment @ Squares 3953, 3954, 4024, & 4025).

I have pastored Israel Baptist Church for the past 26 years. Our church is situated across the street from the proposed site plan. As a resident of the District of Columbia in Ward 5, I welcome the planned changes to our community as a responsible effort for revitalization. Naturally, our main concern, when presented with this project, was the stability and protection of the current residents. We are encouraged to learn that this project has unanimous support from the ANC as well as other relevant community neighbors. Moreover, we are satisfied that Mid-City Financial Corporation, its agents and assigns, will work with community entities to secure the best possible outcome for current residents as this project develops. We see this project as a compliment to the work we are doing in partnership with the District of Columbia as we work to bring online a community clinic and affordable senior housing in the Rhode Island Avenue vicinity.

Our commitment to this project is born out of a longstanding appreciation for its originating leadership as well as the relationship we have cultivated with Michael Meers as a representative of a bold new vision to bring the kind of community awareness, participation and collaboration that will inure to the benefit of the greater good for the residents of Ward 5 in general and those of Brookland Manor, Inc. in particular.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Morris L. Shearin

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