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Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: Support for the Bruce Monroe Surplus Declaration and Approval Resolution of 2016 (Legislation # : PR21-0908), and Bruce Monroe Disposition Approval Resolution of 2016 (Legislation # : PR21-0909

Dear Chairman Mendelson and Fellow Councilmembers:

As a business owner in this community, I am writing to urge you to approve the disposition of the Bruce Monroe site to Park View Community Partners in order to serve as the Build-First site for the redevelopment of the Park Morton Public Housing site.

The redevelopment of Park Morton has been long overdue and is necessary in order to improve the living conditions and long-term opportunities for existing Park Morton residents. I support the use of Bruce Monroe as the Build-First site as a way to keep existing Park Morton residents in the community during and beyond the redevelopment effort. The proposal to create a mix of housing types at various income levels and maintain green space across both sites creates a development that is truly inclusive for this community.

As a business owner, I am excited about the opportunities that exist along the Georgia Avenue corridor and in the Park View community to help improve the lives of its residents, as better quality housing creates cleaner streets and safer neighborhoods. Additionally, ensuring that all residents in our community have access to affordable housing opportunities means that those residents will be able to enjoy businesses in their neighborhood and help support economic development in their community.

I urge you and your fellow Councilmembers to vote to approve the Surplus and Disposition of Bruce Monroe as the Build-First site for Park Morton so that this project can move forward with expediency.

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