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DC Zoning Commission 441 4th Street NW Suite 200S Washington, DC 20001

RE: Support for Planned Unit Development Applications 16-11 and 16-12 for the Park Morton New Communities Initiative

Dear Chairman Hood and Fellow Commissioners:

As a resident of Park Morton, I am writing to urge you to approve the Planned Unit Development applications for both the Bruce Monroe Community Park and the Park Morton Public Housing site, or applications 16-11 and 16-12, respectively.

The redevelopment of Park Morton has been long overdue and is necessary in order to improve the living conditions and long-term opportunities for me and other Park Morton residents. I support the use of Bruce Monroe as the Build-First site as a way to allow me and my neighbors to remain in the community where we have lived for so many years. Having quality housing that is not just clean and safe, but also a place to be proud to call home, is important to me and my neighbors. We are a part of this community, and while we may not have as much as others, we deserve quality housing like everyone else. Because the development provides housing opportunities for both low and moderate-income earners up to 60% AMI, we can ensure that residents at Park Morton and others in this community can have an opportunity to live here in a place they can afford.

I urge you and your fellow commissioners to vote to support Park View Community Partners' applications so that this project can move forward with expediency.

Sincerely,

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