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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 in the community, I am writing to lend my unwavering support for 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 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. Additionally, because the development provides housing opportunities for both low and moderate-income earners up to 60% AMI, we can ensure that individuals and families from all socio-economic backgrounds can have an opportunity to live in this vibrant community.

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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