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American Community Developers
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Re: 421 Watson Proposed Renovation

The Brush Park Community Development Corporation (the “CDC”) forwards this letter to indicate our support for the proposed renovation of the building and property located at 421 Watson Street (the “Project”).

The Project plan includes the rehabilitation and reuse of the existing structure for two purposes: a construction office in the short-term, and 2. food and beverage commercial use in the long-term. The plan was presented before the CDC and the Brush Park community at a public meeting held on May 19, 2020. Community members attending the meeting were very receptive of the proposed project.

By a vote of 8 in favor, 0 objections, and 1 abstention, the CDC Board voted to support the Project. Attachment A contains the opinions offered by the Board during the voting process for your consideration. Please note, the opinions have no bearing on the Board’s vote and are included for reference only.

We thank you again for your commitment to Brush Park and making a positive impact in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karissa Holmes".

Karissa Holmes, Vice President

Cc: City of Detroit Planning & Development

ATTACHMENT A: POLL COMMENTS FOR “421 WATSON”

Below are the opinions submitted by CDC Board Members during the voting process for reference and consideration. Please note, the opinions have no bearing on the Board's final vote and are included for reference only.

Comment 1

I am grateful to this developer and his team, for taking on the rehabilitation of this historic and long vacant building. The design of this adaptive reuse is aesthetically pleasing and prepares the building to serve as an amenity space for the entire community. This developer has a great track record of being considerate of community needs and feedback.