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Councillor Turner:

I am writing you today to support the Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Project.

Recently I attended one of the Community Information Meetings about the plan. I was astounded to learn that 30% of my fellow apartment renters are in housing that is either beyond their means or not suitable for their needs. While I do not fall into that category, this is far too many people living on the edge. As rents continue to rise, this problem is going to increase and not go away on its own.

Because the problem is so severe, I am glad to see that the City is being proactive in addressing it with the CIP. I hope you will be supporting it when it comes before Council in January. As a matter of fact, I provided my feedback from the meeting to Travis Macbeth in Planning. I am in support of both the incentive programs outlined in the draft plan, in particular the one aimed at the developers. My only hope would be to make that program more robust even if it takes a statute that would mandate a percentage of affordable units in all new build and rehabilitation projects especially rehab projects that involves use of a city owned property. I say this because my main concern of from my meeting attendance was the sense on the [art of the developers present that while they support the program, there might not be much take up.

I know there are budget considerations at this time but I see this as a worthy program and a Win-Win for all parties.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Vincent Lubrano III