

October 28, 2021

Richmond City Council  
900 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Acquisition of 1111 Fourquare Lane, Richmond, VA 23222

Dear Richmond City Council members,

Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church, located at 2712 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, is a longstanding member of the Green Park neighborhood. Our parish and members are committed to the Green Park community and ensuring the continued vitality and success of our neighbors.

This letter is sent on behalf of the Parish Council of Saint Elizabeth to express our support of the proposed acquisition of 1111 Fourquare Lane by Commonwealth Catholic Charities Housing Corporation as part of the new affordable housing development, the Saint Elizabeth Apartments. As we understand, the acquisition of 1111 Fourquare Lane improves the probability of success of the project (increasing the potential score of their Low-Income Housing Tax Credit application). Also, importantly, it will create a physical connection and neighborhood amenity, in the form of a multi-use path between the new apartments and Overby Sheppard, the nearby elementary school, which our parish supports through volunteerism and supply drives. For these reasons alone, we are in support of the acquisition of 1111 Fourquare Lane.

In addition, we as a city and region face a housing affordability crisis. Ensuring that residents of all income levels can continue to afford to live in the neighborhood of their choosing should be a priority of our City Council. The creation of new affordable housing within the City of Richmond not only enables housing stability for our most vulnerable, but also facilitates economic and emotional independence.

We look forward to contributing our voice to the conversation and fully support the acquisition of 1111 Fourquare Lane by Commonwealth Catholic Charities Housing Corporation. We hope to continue to work together to create a more equitable and inclusive City.

In solidarity.

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