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FYI: A new letter of support for 1701 North 21st Street SUP...

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Mr. Brown,

Please find attached a letter of support for the proposed development at 1701 North 21st Street being considered by the planning commission. Please let me know if I can provide anything further.

All best,

Andrew Terry

May 14, 2020

To Richmond City Planning Commission:

I'm writing to express my support for The Maggie Walker Community Land Trust to subdivide the property at 1701 N 21st Street and build 2 attached single family homes. The Community Land Trust's primary purpose is to provide permanently affordable homes for residents of the Richmond Metro Region. This mission continues to be one of great importance, particularly in the neighborhood of this proposed project. Longtime residents of Church Hill face ever-growing real estate prices and ongoing speculative investment practices which threaten their ability to stay in the neighborhood that they have called home. The development and preservation of quality affordable housing, particularly permanently affordable housing, which preserves affordability for generations, is paramount to the future of this neighborhood.

The project at 1701 N 21st Street also poses an exciting potential for collaboration between other mission-based organizations in the area, like ours. Our organization, RE:work RICHMOND, prepares and connects East End heads-of-household with a family-sustaining career. We provide a comprehensive suite of supports to help heads-of-household find the right job and career trajectory and stick with them until they and their families are thriving. We are excited about this partnership to help provide employment supports to families living in these units.

The Community Land Trust has become a trusted developer of quality homes since its inception in 2016, and has garnered support from both the philanthropic community and its fellow community development corporations. I believe that the proposed development will be a positive contribution to the neighborhood, whose impacts will be experienced for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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