



CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION OF RVA

June 2, 2022

Alyson Oliver
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Secretary to the City Planning Commission
Dept. of Planning & Development Review
City of Richmond, VA

RE: SUP-0888-2021, 2516 E. Leigh Street / COA-107847-2022, 611 N. 26th Street

Dear Mrs. Oliver and members of the Board of Zoning Appeals

This letter is to inform you that the membership of the Church Hill Association of RVA (CHA) met via Zoom on May 17, 2022 and voted to support the SUP application for the Bowler School rehabilitation and construction of new townhomes along M Street. We are pleased that the Bowler School will be rehabilitated and continue to provide affordable housing to handicapped senior citizens, while allowing the construction of 9 new townhomes - 7 facing M Street and 2 facing N. 26th Street – on the land that will be subdivided as part of the Bowler School SUP.

The CHA supports this project and commends the developers of both the Bowler School the new townhomes for working with the CHA's HPLUC to address key items as part of the SUP that are important to the CHA membership and neighboring residents, including:

- Providing enhanced green space to replace the loss of the existing open space at the corner of M and N. 26th Streets. The revised site plan now includes a small parklet behind the building for use by Bowler School senior residents, accomplished by relocating the trash corral to be accessed off of E Leigh Street.
- Providing permanent affordability of the 2 townhomes at the corner of M and N. 26th Street through an agreement between the townhouse developer and the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust. These 2 townhomes will be of the highest quality as the market rate townhomes, but will allow affordability to remain with these 2 units in perpetuity – much needed as the property values continue to escalate throughout greater Church Hill.

Thank you in advance for including our letter of support for this SUP; we look forward to seeing this work begin as our neighborhood continues to improve.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Zaino', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hannah Zaino,
CHA President 2022

Cc: Honorable Cynthia Newbille
Daniil Kleyman, Evolve Development, Inc.
Louis Salomonsky, SWA Architects