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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th St NW, Suite 210S Washington, DC 20001

Subject: BZA Application, ZC Case 14-18 Redevelopment Brookland Manor and Brentwood Village Shopping Center

## To Whom It May Concern:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5B is writing to express strong opposition to mass evictions and displacement of residents at Brookland Manor in Northeast, especially while the District of Columbia is in the middle of a housing crisis. ANC 5B strongly stand in support of many Brookland Manor community members who oppose this project due to the displacement of many Brookland Manor residents.

According to the plans submitted to DC Zoning, ZC Case 14-18 Redevelopment Brookland Manor and Brentwood Village Shopping Center, Mid-City Financial is building 1,750 units of mostly luxury apartments, reducing overall affordable units from 535 units that are currently on the property to a mere 373 units, while also restricting 200 out of the 373 units for seniors only, aged 62 and older. Under these plans, Mid-City Financial intends to reduce the amount of affordable housing, restrict the eligibility of existing residents to return to the affordable units, eliminate all 4 and 5 bedroom family sized units, and most 3 bedroom units; eliminating much of Brookland Manor's family housing.

ANC 5B would like to see Mid-City Financial offer current Brookland Manor residents an opportunity to return after redevelopment, receive unit square footage comparable to current unit, and rent control or rent equivalent to current DC housing voucher. ANC 5B believe the residents at Brookland Manor should be entitled to fair equitable housing and humane treatment. On Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at a duly noted meeting, ANC 5B voted 4 -0-0 to support development without displacement, advocating stabilize housing for current Brookland Manor residents, and oppose Mid-City Financial taking any actions against residents residing at Brookland Manor that will result in eviction and/or displacement.

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