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Metropolitan Development Commission
City of Indianapolis - Metropolitan Development
200 East Washington Street, Suite 1842
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: 2023-CZN-817 / 2023-CVR-817

Dear Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC):

I am delighted to write this letter expressing our organization's **support of 2023-CZN-817 / 2023-CVR-817**, located at 5959 East 38th Street and 3700, 3742, and 3790 North Arlington Avenue.

United Northeast Community Development Corporation (UNEC) is honored to work alongside Horizon Bank and Flaherty & Collins as they pursue the development of their proposed mixed-use development within our Northeast Indianapolis Corridor. Over the last year our organization has proactively worked with their development team by making authentic connections with key stakeholders and residents in the community. As a result of the great response from the community, their proposed project was added into our 2023 Lift Indy Application (which was later selected) we did in partnership with Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership (INHP). **Since our initial connection, Horizon Bank has:**

- Held stakeholder and resident meetings that have garnered insights around housing and financial institutional needs, hyper-locally within the neighborhood;
- Been proactive in meeting over 50 community-based organizations through our QOL Convening Spaces;
- Held a successful project open house where approximately 115 community members were in attendance;
- Reinforced the importance of our community by allowing UNEC to present to their Diversity Equity and Inclusion committee; and
- Met (and continues to meet) with area residents to address any questions and/or concerns about the project.

UNEC also has taken the time to learn in further detail about all of the petitioner requests and supports all of their efforts. Thank you in advance for your support. There is a shared understanding and commitment to continue our ongoing support of Horizon Bank and Flaherty & Collins development efforts. This is another great example of bringing back opportunities to a community, equitably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Gurvitz", written over a horizontal line.

Ashley Gurvitz

Officer
United Northeast CDC