

November 17, 2023

Baltimore City Department of Housing & Community Development
Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Homeless Services
Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs

Re: Housing Accelerator Fund and HOME-ARP

Dear Grants Committee:

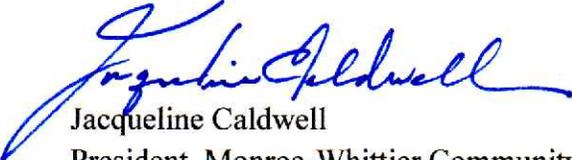
I am the President of the Monroe-Whittier Community Association in Baltimore, 21217, which is the neighborhood that includes the New Shiloh Baptist Church campus. I know well the good work New Shiloh's Community Development Corp. has done in partnering with Unity Properties, part of Bon Secours Community Works, and Enterprise Community Development for work on affordable housing developments on the New Shiloh campus. These partners developed New Shiloh Senior Apartments and New Shiloh Family Apartments, 153 units of desperately needed, high quality affordable housing with consistent high occupancy and a waiting list.

I fully support Unity Properties' application to develop New Shiloh 3, a \$20 million, 50-unit affordable housing building with a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom units. This project will be on the last undeveloped parcel on the New Shiloh site and is at the intersection of Monroe St. and Elgin Ave. New Shiloh 3 is the final piece of a 20-year project to develop New Shiloh Village on the campus of a faith-based anchor institution. The affordable apartment buildings along with New Shiloh's work to add social service providers including the City's largest YMCA Head Start Facility, LIGHT early childhood daycare and family support center, and The Center for Urban Families, as well as numerous community ministries operated by New Shiloh Baptist Church, has made a positive and long lasting impact on the Monroe-Whittier community.

Baltimore City Housing Accelerator / HOME-ARP funds will be used for the creation of 10 units of permanent supportive housing for people exiting homelessness. Unity Properties has an MOU with Healthcare for the Homeless to provide management services for these units. New Shiloh 3 will add much needed affordable housing in a desirable location that will be developed by long term, successful partners.

I appreciate this opportunity to voice my support for Unity Properties and affordable housing in our community.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Caldwell
President, Monroe-Whittier Community Association