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Dear Sir,

I am a 25+ year member of the Mount Vernon community who is currently serving on the MVBA board of directors. I own property at 700 Washington Place.

I have seen the early success of Midtown fade into layers of supervisors who are not on the streets and workers who have little incentive or oversight to provide excellent service. The core mission of Midtown has been lost in bureaucracy-building and lax supervision.

This has resulted in dirty sidewalks, gutters, tree wells, weeds, overflowing corner trash cans, and residents throwing garbage on sidewalks.

Greening seems to be limited to assisting with tree planting a few times a year.

Security services — evening patrols that call 911 if problems arise — are non-existent, or difficult to see.

Instead, Midtown has pursued art events and business revitalization projects, often times without the support of the Midtown neighborhoods or the Midtown board.

As part of the authorization, I, and my neighbors, want a **REFOCUS on the mission of Midtown: clean, green, and safe communities**. We would like all funds available to be directed to this mission, with minimal staff to provide supervision and support.

Thank you for your attention. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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