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Kelvin Jeremiah
Executive Director
Philadelphia Housing Authority
12 South 23rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Re: Support for Esperanza's Proposed Development of the Former Roberto Clemente Middle School

Dear Mr. Jeremiah:

This letter is to support Esperanza's proposed development of the Former Roberto Clemente Middle School.

The redevelopment of this location is included in the recently completed Hunting Park Neighborhood Strategic Plan 2022; a 10-year revitalization plan spearheaded by Esperanza. The plan includes affordable housing as a core theme, included the participation of nearly 800 community residents, and was formally approved by the City of Philadelphia Planning Commission.

Esperanza's proposed development ensures the revitalization of a long-blighted corner of our community, providing affordable housing options, and bringing new life to an important commercial corridor. This multi-million dollar regional investment will provide employment opportunities and expand the economic impact of Esperanza's 20-plus years of community development in Hunting Park. By eliminating blight and contributing to community-driven economic development, Esperanza's proposed project will strengthen the surrounding community, providing housing, jobs, and social benefits to Hunting Park and the City of Philadelphia.

I am pleased to support Esperanza's proposed development. Esperanza's efforts build on the many assets that exist in Hunting Park and their work will institute real change in this vibrant community. I look forward to receiving news of their application.

Respectfully,

Maria D. Quiñones-Sánchez
Councilwoman ,7th District