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Mr. Bruce Connus  
President & CEO  
Liberty Housing Development Corp.  
714 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

RE: Liberty52: Community Integration  
616-36 N. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and 5208-28 Poplar Street

Dear Mr. Connus,

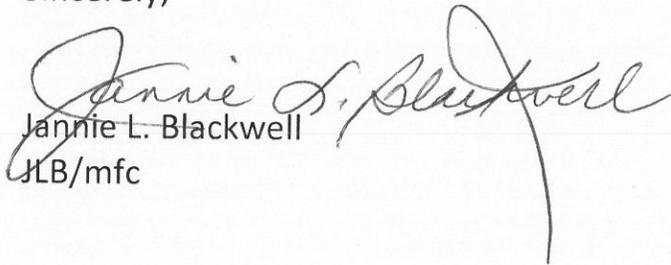
This letter is to express my strong support for the Liberty52: Community Integration project that Liberty Housing Development Corp intends to build on the southwest corner of 52<sup>nd</sup> and Poplar Streets.

Liberty52: Community Integration is a much-needed project that will provide affordable housing for the physically disabled and seniors 55+. It will add to the City's sorely undersupplied stock of fully accessible housing units, and also enable disabled individuals to live within the community and avoid premature placement in inappropriate environments such as nursing homes. With accessible housing units comprising just 1% of housing units in Philadelphia, it is imperative that we do all that we can to ensure these units get built. Development on this prominent corner of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Street commercial corridor

will also help to revitalize the neighborhood and provide transit and amenities-adjacent housing opportunities—the very kind this city needs.

LHDC is a seasoned and highly-regarded developer of affordable housing and we would welcome this project to our neighborhood. If there is any way in which my office can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on us. I wish you much success with this project and with your mission to provide low-income housing and supportive services to the disabled community.

Sincerely,



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