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November 12, 2014

Nora Lichtash  
Women's Community Revitalization Project  
100 W. Oxford St. Suite E-2300  
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Dear Ms. Lichtash,

I would like to express my support for the Women's Community Revitalization Project's applications for funding from the City of Philadelphia's Office of Housing and Community Development, the Philadelphia Housing Authority, and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for the Nicole Hines Townhomes—35 twins, townhomes, and accessible apartments for low income families at 413-445 E. Wister St. This proposed Transit Oriented Development (TOD) will provide housing opportunities for 35 families in a location less than 1 block from the Wister Station on the SEPTA Regional Rail line, giving those families quick access to Center City's employment and educational opportunities, as well as a multitude of diverse cultural and retail amenities. The Nicole Hines Townhomes will also transform a longtime vacant lot—now an obstacle to the safety and revitalization of the community—with the creation of beautiful new housing.

The proposed development will be a strong addition to the East Germantown portion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council district. I am especially pleased that the project will:

- Allow families the option of purchasing their homes after the project has met its 15 year Low Income Housing Tax Credit compliance period requirements. Homeownership will strengthen the community and afford families the opportunity to build wealth.
- Exceeds Enterprise Green Communities standards for building sustainability.
- Have a mix of twin, townhouse, and duplex apartments to support a range of family sizes
- Benefit from WCRP's investment of its own developer's fees to subsidize rents for needy families

I support your efforts and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Bass". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Cindy Bass, Member  
Philadelphia City Council