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RE: Orinoka Civic House
2771-77 Ruth St. Philadelphia PA 19134
New Kensington Community Development Corporation

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Orinoka Civic House project proposed by New Kensington Community Development Corporation (NKCDC) at 2771-77 Ruth St.

The proposed project consists of the rehabilitation of an abandoned 70,000 square foot warehouse structure located just outside of the northern portion of my district into 51 units of affordable, sustainable housing and space for the new location of NKCDC's main office. The addition of these affordable housing units in a neighborhood that has suffered long-term disinvestment will not only benefit this community, but the City as well.

I eagerly anticipate the positive impact that this project will have on the community and welcome the opportunity to continue working with NKCDC towards the common goal of positively impacting the lives of this community's residents.

Sincerely,

Mark F. Squilla
Councilman – First District

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