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Re: Orinoka Civic House
2771-77 Ruth ST. Philadelphia PA 19134

To whom it may concern:

As a representative of Philadelphia's 7th Council District, I am writing to convey my strong support of New Kensington Community Development Corporation's (NKCDC) proposal for the Orinoka Civic House project at 2771-77 Ruth St.

The proposed project consists of the rehabilitation of an abandoned 70,000 square foot warehouse structure, located in the northern portion of the organization's service area, into 51 units of affordable, sustainable housing and space to house NKCDC's main office. The addition of these affordable housing units will significantly benefit a neighborhood that has suffered long-term disinvestment, and will provide broader economic and public safety benefit to the City.

I count NCKDC as an integral partner in increasing access to affordable housing, building community, and revitalizing blighted properties. They have shown themselves to be leaders in promoting arts and sustainability as drivers for neighborhood improvement.

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

Respectfully,

María Quiñones Sánchez
Councilwoman, 7th District