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Members of the Commission,

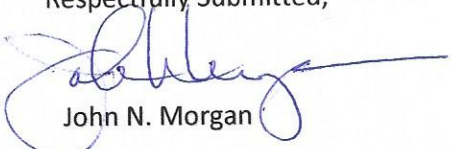
On behalf of the Allentown Parking Authority, I am writing this letter to express our support of Manhattan Building Company's proposed zoning amendments, which will be presented to the Planning Commission on February 9th, 2021. The company's proposed developments will provide for an incredible revitalization of a currently dilapidated neighborhood, and the company has graciously worked with the APA to help support some of our long-term goals, including increased revenue for the APA and increased tax revenue for the City of Allentown.

The Manhattan Building Company's proposed Riverview Lofts II project, which will be developed in partnership the APA, includes the conversion of what is currently a 26 -space surface lot into an approximately 72 space garage available to local community residents. In addition to the additional spaces, the garage will also be well lit, safer, and more secure than the current surface lot. These additional off-street spaces are key to the continued success of what may soon be one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in the city.

Throughout our continuing correspondence with the Manhattan Building Company regarding the Riverview Lofts II project, the company and its proxies have been responsive to our requests and open to our suggestions. Ultimately, they have been the ideal partner in their understanding that a successful project not only rewards the developer, but also the community at large.

As the City and its residents have stated their intent to revitalize the waterfront neighborhood, I believe that the Manhattan Building Company is the ideal developer for the job and their proposed projects will be a great success for everyone involved. As such, I strongly encourage you to make a recommendation to City Council to approve the proposed amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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