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Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302

SUBJECT: Proposed Development at 801 S Oak Park Avenue

Dear Mayor and Village Board Members,

On behalf of the Interfaith Housing Development Corporation (IHDC), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the proposed development by The Community Builders at 801 S Oak Park Avenue.

IHDC's mission is to promote and develop long term affordable housing for low-income, underserved populations in collaboration with local communities. As the developer and owner of the Grove Apartments, a mixed-use affordable rental apartment community similar to what TCB is proposing for 801 S Oak Park Avenue, IHDC has an intimate understanding of the needs of those with the most need in our community.

The Grove Apartments at 442 S Grove have been a resounding success story for Oak Park and we expect nothing but the same for TCB's proposed development. Our experience going through the same process TCB is now embarking on, has provided us with the experience and clarity to confidently stand by and support the guiding principles that make Oak Park such a wonderful community for people of all incomes and backgrounds to call home.

As you may recall, we received vast amounts of misguided opposition when the Grove Apartments was proceeding through the public approval process. The Village Board confidently approved the development knowing that the negative voices of few did not represent the positive voices of many in our community.

801 S Oak Park Avenue is a huge step forward in providing much needed, high-quality affordable housing in Oak Park. This is the type of development that Oak Park desperately needs and I am fully in support of it becoming a reality. As both a resident and stakeholder in Oak Park's future, I ask that the Plan Commission and Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees approve the proposed development by TCB.

Sincerely,

Perry B. Vietti
President

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