



December 28, 2018

Cynthia Johnson
Louisville Metro Planning & Design
444 South Fifth Street Suite 300
Louisville, Kentucky 40204

Re: Beecher Terrace Demolition Waiver Request

Dear Cynthia;

The Beecher Terrace Redevelopment is located between 9th and 13th Streets and Muhammad Ali Blvd and Jefferson Street. The Louisville Metro Housing Authority is working with McCormack Baron Salazar to redevelop this neighborhood as part of a HUD Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant. This project will be a great enhancement to the area.

In order to meet deadlines for financing this project, the existing buildings will need to be demolished prior to construction plans being completed for the replacement, which is occurring in at least five separate development phases. The demolition of the buildings is a result of a two-year planning process with the community and is called out in the Vision Russell Transformation Plan, which has been approved by both HUD and Louisville Metro Government. In addition, the unauthorized occupation of the buildings after tenants have been moved out and utilities have been shut off creates a public health and safety issue. For these reasons, we request that the Beecher Terrace Redevelopment be granted a waiver from the Demolition Ordinance to have constructions plans ready prior to demolition permits being issued.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Osanka".

Lisa Osanka
Executive Director
Louisville Metro Housing Authority

