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Re: Proposed Mary Shepard Place ("MSP") Redevelopment

Dear Mithila:

On behalf of People's Action for Clean Energy ("PACE"), our organization is pleased to support the redevelopment plans for Mary Shepard Place being proposed by the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford and its partner Trinity Financial. It is clear from the initial materials that have been presented that these plans will have a positive impact on the neighborhood and bring much-needed community, economic and environmental benefits.

PACE would like to request that the Housing Authority schedule a public scoping meeting for the MSP redevelopment.

Our organization is particularly interested in potential community and environmental benefits for the MSP redevelopment. This includes energy affordability and reliability, reducing GHG emissions, improving air quality and promoting sustainable practices. Over the past four decades, PACE has worked with cities, towns and communities across Connecticut to accelerate the transition to clean, renewable energy. Of particular interest to us in this project is to explore the potential use of a Thermal Energy Network (TEN) for the redevelopment and the energy savings and life cycle cost benefits that this utility approach provides. This would include evaluation of energy alternatives for MSP such as geothermal ground source energy, geothermal heat pumps, and potentially wastewater energy recovery for use in the redevelopment. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and Trinity Financial to discuss these options in further detail.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to participate in the public scoping process for this exciting project.

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