

October 7, 2019

City of Midland Planning and Zoning Commission 300 N. Lorraine Midland. Texas 79701

RE: Support for Hillcrest Village

To Whom it May Concern:

The Midland Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the Hillcrest Village housing project. The development of affordable housing in Midland is imperative to a successful business climate. This project addresses that need for citizens in some of our most critical areas of service – teachers, first responders and healthcare providers. With a proposed 200 units to be offered well below market rates, this project would have a significant impact on Midland's ability to recruit and retain high quality candidates to these vital roles.

We appreciate the research that Midland Community Development Corporation has done to bring the "Big House" design concept to Midland. The 19.8 acre development at 4610 W. Cuthbert Avenue is extremely thoughtful, integrating a number of high quality amenities for the residents of the development as well as those in the surrounding areas. Features like the enclosed stairs for upper unit access will help the property blend into the existing neighborhood.

Therefore, we wholeheartedly support Midland Community Development Corporation in this endeavor, as it would meet a significant current need in our community.

Sincerely,

Wesley Bownds

Board Chair

Cc: David Diaz, MCDC Brad Bullock, MCDC Sincerely,

Robt. E. Burns President & CEO





