

via email

June 5, 2018

Mayor Kate Stewart
City Council of Takoma Park
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Re: Takoma Junction Project -- Racial Equity

Dear Mayor Stewart and City Councilmembers,

As we move forward in our partnership to develop the Takoma Junction project I have followed with great interest the efforts of the City and the community to put racial equity at the center of municipal policy. I know that you have long championed this concept – in fact, this was a key motivator in our decision to respond to your original Request for Proposals. As an African American citizen, business owner, and life-long resident of the area this issue is of utmost importance to me. All of us at NDC are proud of our 20 year track record of hiring and promoting women and people of color, contracting and partnering with other MWBE entities, leasing to both established and entrepreneurial MWBE businesses, renting and selling residential properties to people of all backgrounds and incomes, and otherwise promoting racial and social equity in every way we can.

Our vision for the Junction is fully in line with what we have always created – a place that is inclusive, diverse, entrepreneurial, thriving, beautiful and funky. If we wanted to do boring and corporate we could have picked many other places. We chose Takoma Park because we believed you shared our values, and your recent focus on Racial Equity has only served to reinforce that belief. We've enjoyed the process so far, and look forward to continuing working together with you and the community to bring this vision to reality.

Sincerely,



Adrian G. Washington
CEO & Founder