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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Council Member representing Ward 6 in the City of Minneapolis, I support the Defend Glendale Campaign and its vision, mission and work to ensure all 184 Glendale Townhomes Families, with 600 individuals and 50% children have a right to stay in their MPHA Homes in Glendale. I stand with resident leaders like the Defend Glendale Campaign to maintain their affordable, healthy, racially diverse housing community as a powerful force in fighting displacement.

MPHA has allowed costly redevelopment scenarios through a private developer without community engagement. Glendale residents have rejected MPHA plans that have not been inclusive of their voices.

It is important that these plans work to ensure the preservation of Glendale Townhomes, home to primarily low-income people of color. My Office endorses Defend Glendale mission, vision and goals for the Glendale Townhomes' residents to have healthy, affordable housing and 100% repairs of their homes while achieving zero displacement during the entire process and that it remains as a public housing property.

The residents of Glendale Townhomes have the right to stay in their homes and protect their families and children's future and welfare. I fully support and recommend that Defend Glendale should meet and have dialogue with MPHA in order to resolve this issue. This is the right way to ensure that the voices of all Glendale Townhomes residents are heard and respected.

Sincerely,

Abdi Warsame
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