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## NEW TESTAMENT MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH

EXALT JESUS x EQUIP PEOPLE x ENGAGE COMMUNITY  
REVEREND DR. DAMONE PAUL JOHNSON, SENIOR PASTOR  
Charlie R. Harvey, Chair of Deacons • Brenda Peoples-Jones, Chair of Trustees

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December 7, 2020

Re: Purchase of 76 Third Street, Albany, **NY** 12210

Daniel P. McCoy  
Albany County Executive  
Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building  
112 State St., Room 1200  
Albany, **NY** 12207

Dear Dan McCoy:

Please accept this correspondence as an official justification to purchase the vacant lot at 76 Third Street in the Arbor Hill section of Albany, New York. The Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church, located at 105 Second Street in the Arbor Hill section of Albany, **NY** is one of the major stakeholders and investors in the revitalization of properties in and around our sanctuary.

Over the past several years Metropolitan has invested several million dollars in the development of 60 - units of senior citizen affordable housing across from the Church (i.e., Idlewild Terrace and Drake Manor housing developments) and created additional apartments at 134 Second Street and 150 Second Street. As a result of our new multi-million dollar edifice constructed in 2012, Metropolitan has purchased additional vacant lots to accommodate off street parking for our expanded membership, which has tripled in size. Additionally, Metropolitan's vision includes revitalizing vacant properties in Arbor Hill, to continue to provide affordable housing, summer camp and after-school programming to residents in our community.

Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church appreciates the support and community partnership Albany County has provided over the years and we look forward to working with you again in the future. Please stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

*Brenda Peoples-Jones*

Brenda Peoples-Jones,  
Chair of Trustees

cc: Rev. Dr. Damone Paul Johnson, Senior Pastor

