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NEW TESTAMENT MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH

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REVEREND DR. DAMONE PAUL JOHNSON, SENIOR PASTOR
Charlie R. Harvey, Chair of Deacons • Brenda Peoples-Jones, Chair of Trustees

November 20, 2020

Re: Purchase of 89 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 89 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 restful Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Brenda Peoples-Jones,
Chair of Trustees

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