



*To Preserve And Promote Our Historic Lifestyle*

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Noah Nordheimer, Senior Vice President  
National Foundation for Affordable Housing  
11200 Rockville Pike, Suite 250  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Mr. Nordheimer:

Thank you for taking the time to attend our May 9<sup>th</sup> Federal Hill Neighborhood Association meeting and to brief us on the plans of the National Foundation for Affordable Housing Solutions (The Foundation) to rehabilitate Southern High School Apartments. Our Association is enthusiastically supportive of your Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) financing application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, as well as your request that the City of Baltimore also support The Foundation's LIHTC application.

Above all, let me say how pleased we were to learn that The Foundation had purchased Southern High Apartments with the intention of preserving this critically important affordable elderly community. We know first-hand the challenge of creating and preserving affordable housing, particularly in the Federal Hill community, and have been concerned for quite some time that Southern High School Apartments was a prime candidate for conversion to market rate housing.

Beyond the undeniable importance of protecting and improving the scarce supply of affordable housing in the Baltimore community, the Federal Hill Community Association is also pleased that The Foundation recognizes and appreciates the historic significance of the Southern High School Apartment Building. We are glad to hear that your improvement plans will minimize disturbance to the building's historic façade and will instead concentrate on improving building systems and enhancing interior spaces for its senior residents.

Welcome to Federal Hill, and thank you, again, for recognizing and reaching out to our Community Association.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hada, President  
Federal Hill Community Association

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