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June 2, 2021

## **The Barrister**

(VIII) Evidence of Community Engagement

214-216 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Cincinnati OH 45202

2021 Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) Application

To date, we have done a series of engagement with the Downtown Residents Council (DRC). On December 3, 2020 we met with DRC President Alan Bunker. On January 11, 2021 we met with the Board Members. On January 12, 2021, we presented to the full Council. Attached is a letter of support from the Council, which includes their support of Urban Sites and OTRCH submitting this NOFA Application.



January 14, 2021

## To Whom It May Concern:

The Downtown Residents Council (DRC) is aware of the proposal to finance and renovate the Barrister, a 44-unit adaptive reuse project of the two buildings at 214 and 216 E 9th St. in Cincinnati's Central Business District. The Barrister will provide high-quality affordable housing for individuals and families making less than 60 percent of the area median income. The codevelopers for the Barrister are Over-the-Rhine Community Housing (OTRCH) and Urban Sites. OTRCH will be the owner and property manager.

The developers made presentations about the proposed development to the January meetings of the DRC Board and Membership. As a result, the DRC supports this project. Furthermore, the DRC supports the co-developers' efforts in attracting financing for the project, including applying to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for tax credits, and to the City of Cincinnati for NOFA funds.

Alan Bunker

President

**Downtown Residents Council** 

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