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President and Members
Council of the City of Pittsburgh
510 City-County Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Re: Middle Hill – Sankofa Square
Authorization of Disposition Contract
Council District No. 6

Dear President and Members:

Enclosed for your consideration is a proposed Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and Sankofa Group Inc., or a related entity, for the sale of Block 10-P, Lots 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 154, 155, 156, 158, 159, 159A, 160, 161, and 165, in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh.

The 15 lots total approximately 43,191 square feet, with a purchase price of \$186,000.00 plus costs. Sankofa Square, as the project will be known, will include the construction of a 45,000 square foot three-story commercial structure and parking lot. The first floor will contain 12,000 square feet of commercial space that will be utilized by Smoketown Culinary at Sankofa Square and will include common space. The second and third floors will include 30,000 square feet of commercial office space. Smoketown Culinary at Sankofa Square will serve as a launching site for local entrepreneurs in the food industry who will grow beyond the hall itself and add new concepts to the Hill and surrounding communities. Total development costs are estimated at approximately \$9.1 million.

We request that Council consider this Resolution and act upon it favorably. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lisa Meier, at (412) 255-6693.

Sincerely,

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