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MEMORANDUM

It is with great pleasure that the members of McCrorey Heights Neighborhood Association submit this letter of support for the Charlotte Water Vest Station *Tank Up-Lighting Project*.

Stories of the founding, and growth of the McCrorey Heights residential community, frames an unique struggle of the African American experience in developing partnerships that impacted the growth of the city of Charlotte. The idea that a developer, (Dr. H.L. McCrorey) would vision the purchase of land to include a higher education campus that would include enough land to house faculty and other professionals from the African American community was considered unheard of and ambitious!

Charlotte's leadership, during this segregated time in Charlotte's history, obviously understood an opportunity for growth, and directed their intentions to the legal practices of this time in Charlotte's history.

As members of the McCrorey Heights Community focused on building relationships, addressing the various aspects of social inequities, and disparities in support for respective residential communities, the collaboration between the Charlotte Water Works/Vest Station, McCrorey Heights and other constituents of the Beatties Ford Road Corridor represent a significant aspect of how stories of the contributions of African Americans are shared and included in Charlotte's history.

The proposed *Tank Up-Lighting Project* will focus an awareness of how/why the Water Tower stands as a point of interest/entrance to a viable historic community, and the markers identifying the work of African Americans will inform and develop an awareness of the contributions of African Americans/other people of color to the progress of the Charlotte Water Works-Vest Station.

Members of the McCrorey Heights Community therefore support this initiative and look forward to the completion of the work.

Respectively submitted,

President