

Date: June 14,



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June 14, 2021

Department of Housing and Community Development  
Division of Neighborhood Revitalization  
2 N. Charles Street, Suite 450  
Baltimore, MD 21201

Attention: Mr. Kevin Baynes, Director

Dear Mr. Baynes,

The Mayor and Commissioners of Cambridge voted at the city's regularly scheduled City Commission Meeting on June 14, 2021 to support the request of Alpha Genesis for funding from your office to improve the building at 428 Race Street in Downtown Cambridge. The property includes a parking lot in the back of the building which sits next to the recently painted Harriet Tubman mural. Alpha Genesis is a non-profit committed to promoting African American heritage and Cambridge as a whole. The organization is committed to improving the back lot and working with the city government and other local agencies to promote and preserve Cambridge's latest tourist attraction.

City leaders support the mission and efforts of Alpha Genesis and understand the current retail businesses occupying the building will continue to operate while Alpha Genesis occupies the 2nd floor of the structure. Alpha Genesis will have a downtown office and will have the footing to become a self-sustaining operation if your assistance is received. The Commissioners of Cambridge strongly support their request and encourage you to provide the requested funding.

Sincerely,

Andrew Bradshaw  
Mayor

## Roslyn Matthews

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**From:** adrianholmes alphagenesiscdc.org <adrianholmes@alphagenesiscdc.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2021 10:43 PM  
**To:** Roslyn Matthews  
**Subject:** AGCDC Letter of Support  
**Attachments:** AGCDC LOS City of Cambridge.pdf

Hello Rosilyn,

I am requesting a second letter of support for Alpha Genesis from the City to DHCD. We are applying for another Community Legacy Grant to fund the rehabilitation of the 2nd floor at 428 Race. This DHCD is expecting us to submit this application which will complete the 428 Race Street project so that we can fully utilize the space. Attached is a copy of the letter that Patrick supplied in support of our first application, I made suggested changes in the text below but feel free to add your own verbiage. As always, thanks for your support!

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The Mayor and Commissioners of Cambridge voted at the city's regularly scheduled City Commission Meeting on to support the request of Alpha Genesis for funding from your office to improve the building at 428 Race Street in Downtown Cambridge. The property includes a parking lot in the back of the building which sits next to the recently painted Harriot Tubman mural. Alpha Genesis is a non-profit committed to promoting African American heritage and Cambridge as a whole. The organization is committed to improving the back lot and working with the city government and other local agencies to promote and preserve Cambridge's latest tourist attraction. City leaders support the mission and efforts of Alpha Genesis and understand the current retail businesses occupying the building will continue to operate while Alpha Genesis occupies the 2nd floor of the structure. Alpha Genesis will have a downtown office and will have the footing to become a self-sustaining operation if your assistance is received. The Commissioners of Cambridge strongly support their request and encourage you to provide the requested funding.

Adrian R. Holmes, President and Program Director  
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Rev. John Green Jr., Founder

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October 14, 2020

Department of Housing and Community Development  
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2 N. Charles Street, Suite 450  
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Attention: Mr. Kevin Baynes, Director

RE: Alpha Genesis Request for Funding to Acquire and Upgrade the Property and Building at 428 Race Street

Dear Mr. Baynes:

The Mayor and Commissioners of Cambridge voted at the city's regularly scheduled City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 to support the request of Alpha Genesis for funding from your office to acquire the property and improve the building at 428 Race Street in Downtown Cambridge. The property purchase includes a parking lot in the back of the building which sits next to the recently painted Harriot Tubman mural. Alpha Genesis is a non-profit committed to promoting African American heritage and Cambridge as a whole. The organization is committed to improving the back lot and working with the city government and other local agencies to promote and preserve Cambridge's latest tourist attraction.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Patrick Comiskey  
City Manager