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Dear Norris Square Owner,

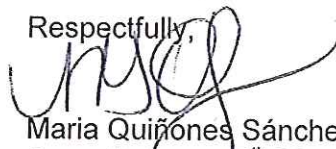
On March 15th, I used the legislative authority awarded to me by the voters of the 7th district, particularly my neighbors in Norris Square, to introduce an ordinance to re-map and shape development in our community.

This was in response to the many emails, calls and visits (to my personal home) by neighbors concerned about the re-development of the St. Boniface campus by Norris Square Civic Association and the growing number of single family conversions to apartments in the area. Unfortunately, unlike neighborhoods like Northern Liberties and Fishtown, Norris Square has not been re-mapped in decades. These maps outline zoning designations which will allow residents the opportunity to shape development in their area. While Parking has been one of the primary concerns, residents are also concerned about traffic flow and public safety in the area. In fact the parents of the Norris Square Daycare last year petitioned my office for a traffic survey because of the increased traffic. I have requested one but the Streets Department has not issued a final report.

On Monday, April 9th, I will be hosting a meeting at West Kensington Ministries located at 2140 N Hancock Street, from 7PM – 8:30 PM. At the meeting I will invite the office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) which has invested millions of dollars in our area and has a commitment to continue to fund future developments and Representatives of the Planning Commission who can outline what other neighboring communities have done, through this re-mapping and how they have shaped redevelopment. I will also invite NSCA to present their plan and how this legislation will impact their particular development.

While the meeting is open to everyone, I will ask homeowners to register their views in the enclosed form. If you cannot attend the meeting, I ask that you submit your opinion directly to my office via fax at 215-686-1936 or mail to Office of Councilwoman Maria Quiñones Sánchez, 7th District Councilwoman, Room 592, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA. 19107. Tenants can also register their opinion.

Respectfully,



Maria Quiñones Sánchez
Councilwoman, 7th District

Norris Square Remapping Survey – March/April 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Email: _____

_____ Homeowner/Owner Occupied _____ Owner/Investment Property _____ Tenant Only

_____ I support the re-mapping of the Norris Square area which will allow more public comment on how the area is re-developed. The zoning designation will change from R10 to R10A. This will require all owners to seek a variance, which will trigger Community input, when single family properties are converted to another use.

_____ I do not Support the re-mapping to change the zoning designation from R10 to R10A. I believe all property owners should be able to convert single family properties to multi-family without community input and without parking and open space requirements.

Comments: _____

Return/Mail to: Ofc of Maria Quinones Sanchez, Room 592, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19122