



Letter of Support for Tastemakers Locally Made Manufacturing Grant Application

The Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association (BNCA) writes to express our support for Tastemakers' Locally Made Manufacturing Grant application, submitted by Kirk and Juliann Francis.

We value the contribution Tastemakers has made to the Brookland neighborhood, both as a business and as a good neighbor engaged in our community. Tastemakers has transformed an empty warehouse into a food hub, providing an economic boost for the Brookland area and supporting job growth in the city. Tastemakers has integrated with the community through such efforts as adding solar panels and food composting to their green operations – a major concern for Brookland – and engaging the community through cooking classes for area youth and chef's table events to support charitable causes like the DC Central Kitchen.

The Locally Made Manufacturing Grant application would help Kirk and Juliann sustain and grow their business, so that it can continue to be a job provider and valued neighbor in Brookland. We are happy to offer BNCA's support for this application.

Sincerely,

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