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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the future use of 4601 Market St. I appreciate you sharing your thoughts and concerns with me.

As you correctly state in your letter, it is a core priority of my administration to invest in Philadelphia's neighborhoods. To that end, please know that the City is committed to the redevelopment of 4601 Market to productive use. We recently issued an RFQ to begin the process of selecting a developer. We have received significant interest in 4601 Market and various potential occupants have contacted us, suggesting a wide variety of uses. There will be a process to gather community input on the proposals, more details of which will be released in the coming weeks. Once this process is announced, it is my hope that you and the residents you represent will participate.

Many of your additional concerns are addressed within the selection criteria for the RFQ, such as requiring respondents to identify the social impact the proposed development will have on the community. The selection criteria note that "proposals that complement and enhance the vitality and dynamic mix of uses along Market Street" and "projects that positively affect the surrounding community" will be favored. Additionally, equal employment opportunity goals have not yet been set for this development, but one of the selection criteria is demonstrated experience maximizing minority, women and disabled participation.

400 N Broad was ultimately selected as the new police headquarters because it would provide taxpayers more value for their money. It is also an ideal location because it is more accessible to the public and facilitates more efficient operations for the City and our criminal justice partners. As 4601 Market will still be redeveloped, the City will earn money from the sale of this property once a developer has been selected. We also expect the future use of the site to contribute long-term value to the City in the form of job creation and tax collection.

Thank you again for writing to me to share your concerns. My administration looks forward to working with local residents and the future developer to maximize the value of this property for the City as well as the West Philadelphia community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Kenney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'F'.

James F. Kenney
Mayor