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On Behalf Of:

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Good morning, Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning in support of Senate Bill 847. My name is Ernesto Fonseca, CEO of Hacienda CDC. I call on the committee to join us in supporting this bill, with particular emphasis on Section 22.

This provision will resolve the double-standard in current statute that limits the ability of organizations like mine to develop affordable housing alongside community-serving commercial spaces – such as small business storefronts, childcare centers, health clinics and libraries.

I'd like to tell you about a recent project that was affected by the current law, but would have been very different if Section 22 of this bill had been in place: