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**Mayor Langford To Celebrate Start of Construction of CiTYVILLE BLOCK 121**

New Development Near UAB Includes More Than 200,000 Square Feet of Residential and Retail Space

Birmingham, AL - Mayor Larry Langford will join Corporate Realty Development and Inland America Communities on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm to celebrate the start of construction on CiTYVILLE BLOCK 121, a \$35 million, mixed-use rental apartment/retail development in the Midtown section of the City Center. The event will take place on the construction site at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S and 20<sup>th</sup> St.

CiTYVILLE BLOCK 121 includes 255 upscale apartments and 21,000 square feet of retail space facing onto 20<sup>th</sup> St. S. The multi-story project features 255 rental apartments with extensive amenities, including a clubroom, internet café, fitness center, swimming pool, controlled-access system and a covered parking garage.

According to ONB President Michael Calvert, "This is a critical development for Midtown, the area of the City Center that bridges UAB and the traditional downtown north of the railroad tracks. CiTYVILLE BLOCK 121 will provide essential residential options for both downtown Birmingham and the adjacent Medical Center, especially important now that UAB's Women & Infants Hospital and the new Benjamin Russell Children's Hospital are both under construction." Calvert also noted that CiTYVILLE BLOCK 121 will complement nearby developments such as the new Hyatt Place Hotel at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S and 20<sup>th</sup> St, which will open in June, the Marriott Residence Inn at 8<sup>th</sup> Ct S and 20<sup>th</sup> St, expected to open in late summer and the Railroad Park now under construction and scheduled for completion within a year.

Mayor Larry Langford said "This is further evidence that development in the City Center is exploding. It also emphasizes the importance of public private partnerships to getting projects done in this City. We have worked closely with Corporate Realty Development and Inland America Communities to get this important project off the ground.

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