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Bill,

I've cc'd Ms. Rose from The Office of Zoning.

Best,
Kevin

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Hi Fred, Karla, and Kevin,

Could you please ensure that this letter makes it to the Office of Zoning?

Office of Zoning and neighbors,

As a longtime resident and homeowner in Bloomingdale, I am writing to voice my support of Dinesh and Nidhi Tandon's BZA Case No. 21151 for Indigo Chapter 2 at 2324 North Capitol Street.

My wife and I have known Dinesh and Nidhi for years. They are present owner operators of their restaurant and engaged members of their community. We would be lucky to have them as invested business owners in Bloomingdale.

We enjoy our ability to walk to the restaurants that we and other Bloomingdale residents love - Ren Hen, Boundary Stone, the Pub & the People, and more. The original Indigo is one of the few restaurants that we are willing to get in the car for. We know many Bloomingdale residents that do the same. Indigo Chapter Two would be within walking distance for us and thousands of others. That means fewer car trips. In aggregate, inviting restaurants like Indigo Chapter Two to our neighborhoods reduces the overall level of traffic in our city, as well as the noise, pollution, and safety issues it creates.

Our block includes two restaurants, Bacio and Ren Hen, as well as a coffee shop, Creative Grounds. After living here for nearly three years, we do not have any issues with noise, parking, deliveries, or pick ups. Like the rest of our neighborhood, we've had rat challenges, but we don't have any reason to think that it is primarily driven by these businesses.

More importantly, these businesses bring substantial benefits to our block. The customers that these businesses draw keep criminals away and make our block safer. We have lower property crime - car and home break ins - than nearby blocks. These restaurants provide venues to see and get to know our neighbors, fostering community. Their owners and employees are engaged members of our community and often residents themselves.

Having experienced the benefits of engaged local business owners on our block in Bloomingdale and seen the positive impact that Dinesh and Nidhi have had with the original Indigo, I am enthusiastically supportive of welcoming Indigo Chapter Two to the neighborhood.

Best,
Bill Palombi