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Good morning:

I am a Bloomingdale resident reaching out to share my strong support for opening an Indigo restaurant at the corner of North Cap and Bryant.

I live a block away from the proposed restaurant, on Bryant and First, and I have long wished that our wonderful neighborhood had more restaurants and cafes. I was thrilled to hear that Indigo — a phenomenal and award-winning restaurant — might open just down the street from us. I was even more thrilled to learn that they might also open a morning cafe, because it would greatly improve my quality of life to be able to grab a coffee before grabbing the 80 to work or to read there on a Sunday morning. I’ve talked about it with many of our neighbors and friends, and can confidently say that the overwhelming majority of us are thrilled about this great addition to our community.

As a result, I was surprised to see that the business is at risk of being blocked by a small handful of unrepresentative residents. As an Indian American resident, I was especially disturbed to hear that opponents of the plan have been trading on old, invidious, and hurtful stereotypes about Indian Americans to block this restaurant. We should be building an inclusive, vibrant community for all Bloomingdale—not letting a few people’s prejudices block the will of the majority.

Thank you,
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