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Subject: Waterfront Planned Unit Development Modification
Zoning Commission Case No. 02-38A

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

I have purchased property on 4th Street in the Southwest community and have been following the Waterfront Associates, LLC's proposed modification of the planned unit development ("PUD") approved by the Zoning Commission in Order No. 02-38. I am contemplating further investment in this area because I feel that the proposed Waterfront redevelopment will significantly enhance the neighborhood by providing an attractively designed mixed-use development in close proximity to public transportation and am therefore very encouraged in investing in property in the surrounding area.

I believe that the applicant's modified plans represent an improvement over the PUD originally approved by the Commission. In addition, I support the increased commitment for retail along with the contemplated grocery store and the set aside for local businesses and am also pleased that the project incorporates an increased amount of residential space and see that the project as a balanced mixed-use development which will benefit our community.

I am, however, skeptical of any further plans that may delay this redevelopment plan and hope that it does not get mired down by creating new oversight committees. Thank you for your consideration in support for this project. The residential, retail, and office uses envisioned by the modified PUD will help create a vibrant urban community in the Southwest neighborhood. I am confident that the applicant's redevelopment will significantly improve our neighborhood and our city.

Sincerely,



Leslie A. Burke

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