## In Support of The Ladybird Proposal

It has been said that walkability is the cornerstone and key to an urban areas efficient ground transportation. Walking remains the cheapest form of transport for all people. Walkable communities provide the most affordable and equitable transportation system that any community can plan, design and maintain. The proposed Ladybird development at 48<sup>th</sup> and Yuma delivers on all these constructs and much more. Communities that are interconnected promote a more livable environment and lead to happy, healthy lives for the people who live in them. They lead to more social interaction, physical fitness, diminished crime and increased wellness.

Communities that allow all residents the ability to walk to the grocery store, bank, restaurant or local business can retain long term residents. Neighbors who are looking to downsize can remain in the community and continue long standing relationships.

I ask the Ward 3 Advisory Neighborhood Commission to approve The Ladybird proposal and say yes to a walkable community.

I fully support this project and urge the Zoning Commission to approve this much needed project like this for our AU Park community.

Best Regards,

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