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To: Commissioner Anthony Hood Re: Support of the Ladybird Proposal

Walkability is critical to sustainable urban development. Walking is the least expensive and most environmentally sound form of transportation. Walkable communities provide the most affordable and equitable transportation system that any community can plan, design and maintain. The proposed Ladybird development at 48th and Yuma delivers walkability 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.

Families like mine (who seldom attend ANC meetings), would greatly appreciate a grocery store in the community. New residents would encourage more and better retail in our community, too.

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 Commission to approve The Ladybird proposal.

Sincerely,

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