To City Council and Staff,

We are happy that Our Local is working to redevelop the Varnadore building and surrounding property. Our neighborhood needs this project! Our neighborhood needs this project. We have lived right behind what has been a dilapidated eyesore for years. In recent years it has served as an illegal dumping ground and illegal refuge for the homeless. This property has been a stain on our neighborhood and the city long enough. It is embarrassing that this property has gotten to this point.

We feel that this project will not only improve the aesthetics of the corridor, but it will greatly improve the view from our front/back doors. We are aware that there may be a concern related to what we feel is a small increase in building height, but to us, there is practically no difference since the building is quite tall already. Besides, the increase in building height will provide the privacy and light pollution control that our neighborhood has requested.

Regarding the proposed LED installation, we would like to again remind you that we live on the residential street that sits directly behind the buildings that make up this project AND that we approve of the installation as shown. The visual impact from the LED installation is not a concern to us. We do not feel that the installation is too large given the technological and physical safeguards that are in place. We also have come to understand that the size requirements are directly related to the ability to see the fine details in artwork from a distance.

We like the idea of a rooftop patio and lounge at the top of the building and we feel comfortable with it given its distance from our house, and that it is on the other side of a brick traffic wall. Additionally, there is an approximate 100' height elevation between the patio/lounge at the top of the building and ground level. In addition to the previously mentioned traffic wall, an additional separation exists in the form of a two-lane street, sidewalk, and planting buffer. Furthermore, we recognize that our neighborhood leadership worked with Our Local to ensure that sound and light emissions were limited as much as possible and properly contained and directed as to have minimal to no impact on our residences.

Respectfully,

The Undersigned Winfield Drive Residents

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