



March 15, 2017

Mr. Chris Mau  
Our Local  
Charlotte NC

Re: Support for Our Local adaptive reuse of Varnadore Building, Independence Boulevard

Dear Chris,

The Grove Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) is pleased to support Our Local's proposed reuse of the Varnadore Building on Independence Boulevard. Grove Park, located in east Charlotte off of Harris Blvd. near the Sharon Amity/Harris Blvd. intersection and approximately 3 miles from the Varnadore project, consists of almost 500 homes. Due to our close proximity to the corridor, we have been both concerned about, and impacted by, the lack of investment on Independence for many years.

We believe that the project is a significant step towards the much needed revitalization of east Charlotte and the Independence corridor in particular. We applaud Our Local's intentional outreach to neighborhood leaders, residents and other community groups in the area. Your efforts to engage the community demonstrates your commitment to collaboration, while the project itself demonstrates your commitment to ensuring quality economic development and expanding economic opportunity for our residents. The project as proposed will not only serve as a much needed catalyst for the corridor, it will at the same time provide long awaited amenities for local residents as well as visitors.

Our support of the project includes support of the proposed LED panels on the building. We acknowledge and appreciate the careful attention you have given to energy efficiency as well as to mitigating the impacts of commercial lighting on the surrounding neighborhood. The support that you have received from the Eastway-Sheffield Neighborhood Association exemplifies your commitment to an adaptive, innovative reuse of the site that recognizes and protects the single-family character of surrounding neighborhoods while promoting investment and redevelopment on a major corridor.

In closing, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for your project, and we eagerly await the opportunity to patronize the project once it is open to the public.

Sincerely,

Mimi Davis  
Grove Park Neighborhood Association President  
6700 Linda Lake Drive, Charlotte NC

*This letter of support was approved by the GPNA Board of Directors at its March 2017 board meeting.*