PLANNING BOARD MEETING May 14, 2024

ZB APPLICATION #224-11
River Bend Center, LLC - Text Change (HT-D)

PUBLIC COMMENTS <u>SUPPORT</u>

May 14, 2024

Theresa Dell, Chair, and members of the Planning Board

Re: ZB Application 224-11, River Bend Center LLC

I would like to express my support for the above-captioned application. I have been a resident of Belltown since 1981, which is not far from the subject property. I am also keenly aware of the property and its development, due to my prior tenure as staff to the Planning Board.

The proposed amendment is consistent with the Master Plan, which encourages the redevelopment of office parks, outside the Downtown, for mixed use including infill new residential development. In addition the amendment is consistent with the Belltown/Glenbrook/Springdale Neighborhood Plan, which encourages mixed-use development around the Springdale (and Glenbrook) train stations.

River Bend is a perfect candidate for mixed use development, including housing, due to its location adjacent to the Springdale Railroad Station. It is also served by Connecticut Transit. Its setting is ideal for the addition of housing, as it borders the Noroton River with its park setting, and is adjacent to the Hope Street commercial corridor.

Sincerely,

Robin Stein

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