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From: Williams, Justin <JWilliams@rosenbergmartin.com>

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:30 PM

To: Reisinger, Edward

Cc: Bradley, Joshua; Peters, Matthew

Subject: CCB # 20-508 - Rezoning of 5401 Pulaski Highway - Letter of Opposition **Attachments:** Executed Letter to Land Use Committee Opposing CCB #20-508 - 5.11.20 1.pdf

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Hi Councilman Reisinger,

Hope you and your family are doing okay during these times. I'm representing the owner of the property that directly abuts 5401 Pulaski Highway, which is the subject of rezoning legislation that has been assigned to the City Council Land Use Committee. I do not think it has been set in for a hearing yet.

The Planning Commission hearing was a few weeks ago and the Property was not posted due to the closure of non-essential businesses. As a result, my client only *just* found out about the legislation. We will be reaching out to the Applicant to discuss the intent/potential impact, but to cover ourselves in the event that notice of the Land Use Committee hearing is not provided due to the pandemic, I have prepared the attached letter for the Committee's review noting my client's opposition to the legislation—at this time. After having an opportunity to review and discuss the legislation more fully, my client may opt to drop their opposition.

If the Committee or Mr. Peters maintains a list of interested parties for the bill, I'd appreciate being added so that we can ensure we receive notice of the hearing.

Thanks,

Justin

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May 11, 2020

VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Edward Reisinger Chair, Land Use Committee of the Baltimore City Council City Hall, Suite 500 100 North Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill #20-508: Rezoning—5401 Pulaski Highway Assigned to: Land Use Committee

Dear Councilmember Reisinger:

This firm represents 5501 Pulaski, LLC, the owner of 5501 Pulaski Highway, which abuts the property that is the subject of the above-referenced rezoning legislation: 5401 Pulaski Highway (the "Subject Property"). On behalf of our client, and as explained in more detail below, I write to inform the Committee that our client opposes the legislation at this time; however, our client may drop its objection after having an opportunity to fully review the impact the rezoning will have on its property.

For the Committee's background, despite abutting the Subject Property, our client only just recently learned the Planning Commission held a hearing on the bill on April 16, 2020. A review of the Planning Commission's Staff Report on the bill indicates that this is because the Subject Property was not posted per normal Planning Commission requirements due to the pandemic, and it appears the Applicant did not provide them with notice via alternative methods. As a result of not receiving notice, we have not yet had an opportunity to fully evaluate the impact of the rezoning on 5501 Pulaski Highway.

It does not appear that a Land Use Committee hearing has been scheduled on this bill, but in an abundance of caution in case the Committee's hearing notice requirements are also waived and our client does not receive notice of the Land Use Committee hearing, I request the Committee note its opposition on the same basis that the Planning Department Staff recommended disapproval of the legislation: there does not appear to have been a change in the character of the neighborhood, and the current I-1 zoning of the Subject Property was not reflective of a mistake.

The Honorable Edward Reisinger May 11, 2020 Page 2

Compared to the Subject Property, the argument that there was a mistake in the Transform Baltimore zoning is much stronger for our client's property. While both 5501 Pulaski Highway and the Subject Property are currently zoned I-1 (light industrial), the Subject Property was zoned industrially (M-2-1) prior to Transform Baltimore. By contrast, 5501 Pulaski Highway was rezoned by the City Council in 2016 to a commercial zoning designation (B-2-3) via Ordinance # 16-573, which was enacted November 18, 2016. So it appears to have been a clear mistake to rezone 5501 Pulaski Highway to a light industrial zoning map designation when Transform Baltimore was enacted just a few weeks later on December 5, 2016.

Additionally, if the Subject Property is rezoned pursuant to this legislation, it will not only have an impact on 5501 Pulaski Highway because of the heavy commercial uses that would be permitted to be conducted directly next door by right, the rezoning will impact 5501 Pulaski, LLC's ability to request a rezoning in the future. One of the standards the Committee must consider in the context of reviewing a request for rezoning is "the zoning classification of other property within the general area of the property in question." § 5-508(b)(3)(ii). A rezoning of the Subject Property will obviously change the zoning classification of other property in the general area of 5501 Pulaski Highway.

For these reasons, our client is opposed to City Council Bill #20-508 at least until it has an opportunity to assess the extent of what the impact will be from the uses permitted to be conducted next door as well as its own potential ability to request a rezoning in the future.

Sincerely,

Justin A. Williams

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cc: Mr. Matthew Peters, Land Use Committee (via email)

5501 Pulaski, LLC (via email)

Joshua D. Bradley, Esq. (via email)

Christopher DeCarlo, Esq. (via email)

Peters, Matthew (City Council)

From: Christopher DeCarlo <cdecarlo@talkin-oh.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 4:01 PM **To:** Peters, Matthew (City Council)

Cc: Kelly Wagner

Subject: RE: Public Notice Instructions for Hearing on Bill 20-0508 **Attachments:** CB-20-508 - Support Letters.pdf; Beautification Sketch .pdf

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Per our telephone conversation, attached are the supporting documents for the hearing before the land use subcommittee next week.

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From: Christopher DeCarlo

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 3:15 PM

To: 'Peters, Matthew (City Council)' < Matthew. Peters@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: Kelly Wagner < kwagner@talkin-oh.com>

Subject: RE: Public Notice Instructions for Hearing on Bill 20-0508

Good afternoon Mr. Peters,

I have a question regarding the hearing next week. I have some signed petitions from area residents and an illustrative drawing of the subject property's intended beautification if they recieve approval. Should I provide these to the subcommittee in advance? The same documents were provided to the Planning Commission in advance of that hearing.

Thanks,

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From: Christopher DeCarlo

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:57 PM

To: Peters, Matthew (City Council) < Matthew.Peters@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: Kelly Wagner < kwagner@talkin-oh.com>

Subject: RE: Public Notice Instructions for Hearing on Bill 20-0508

Thank you Matt. We will make sure we comply with the applicable deadlines.

Best,

Chris

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From: Peters, Matthew (City Council) < Matthew.Peters@baltimorecity.gov

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Christopher DeCarlo <cdecarlo@talkin-oh.com>

Cc: Kelly Wagner < kwagner@talkin-oh.com >

Subject: Public Notice Instructions for Hearing on Bill 20-0508

Dear Mr. DeCarlo:

The Baltimore City Council Land Use Committee will hold a hearing on bill 20-0508 (Rezoning - 5401 Pulaski Highway) on October 28, 2020 at 1:00 PM.

Attached is the information you will need to post, publish, and mail public notice for the hearing. I have also attached a contact list for sign makers, newspaper contacts, and sample certifications of posting and mailing.

Please note that the hearing will be cancelled if the applicant fails to provide the required public notice by the following deadlines:

Sign Posting Deadline: September 28, 2020
Newspaper Ad Deadline: October 13, 2020
Written Notice Deadline: October 13, 2020
Certification Deadline: October 24, 2020

Please confirm receipt of this email and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matt Peters



Matthew L. Peters

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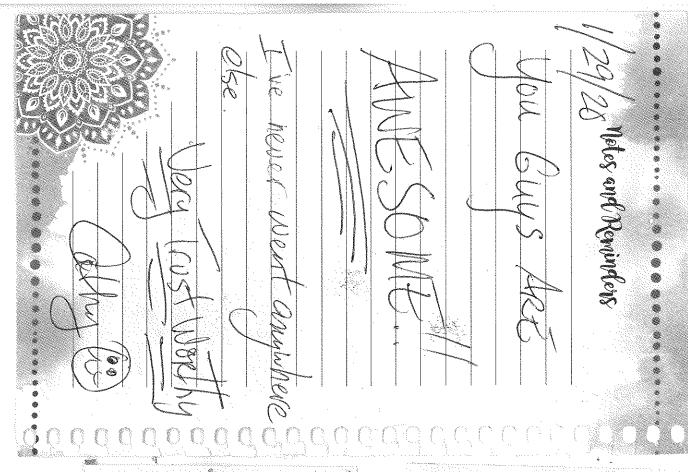
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