

WESTVIEW DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

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December 23, 2024

To: City-County Planning Board

City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County

101 E. First Street

Winston-Salem, NC 27401

Re: Proposed Rezoning – 2125 Griffith Road & 3390 Burke Mill Road

Planning Board Members,

My company owns approximately 1.5 acres adjoining the property being considered for rezoning, above. Our intention is to construct five smaller, but upscale homes on our property. The Myers grocery store has been a fixture in the neighborhood for decades, and I suspect has been in use since prior to the adoption of a zoning ordinance in the City and County. As such, it has been operating as a grandfathered, nonconforming use for many years. Mr. Myers has had to sell his holdings in the area due to health issues; we purchased a portion of our parcel from him. The buildings and grounds have been in a deteriorating state for a number of years, and there are regulatory zoning barriers to spending appreciable amounts of money to upgrade a nonconforming property. Our review of the planned reuse of the property by petitioners is the impetus for this letter to you; we are wholly supportive of this rezoning and are confident it will stabilize the immediate neighborhood and improve property values and quality of life for the residents.

We urge you to give this rezoning your favorable consideration- Legacy plans can't and don't always take into account local and historical perspectives. A modern convenience store in this location would be an asset to our occupants and to the neighborhood as a whole.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best Regards,

