APPROVAL STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN W-3389 (THE LIBERTY GROUP, LLC/CASTLE ROCK HOLDINGS)

The proposed zoning map amendment from LI (Limited Industrial), GI (General Industrial), and GB-S (General Business – Special Use) to E (Entertainment District) is generally consistent with the recommendations of the *Legacy Comprehensive Plan* to encourage the development of new entertainment venues Downtown with larger facilities located near the northern edge, and to encourage both residential and nonresidential infill development/redevelopment vs. greenfield development, as well as the recommendation of the *North Central Winston-Salem Area Plan Update (2015)* to encourage the revitalization of older/underutilized commercial and industrial sites and buildings; therefore approval of the request is reasonable and in the public interest because:

- 1. The request is consistent with the E district purpose statement and requirements.
- 2. The site is adjacent to a mixture of intense zoning districts including some E-L zoning located to the southwest.
- 3. The request could spur redevelopment activity into a significantly underdeveloped/underutilized area where urban services are already in place.
- 4. The request may result in additional lighting and pedestrian crosswalks being installed within the proposed district by the developer based upon future development.