## Dewey Gallard 1644 Yates Street Denver, CO 80204

February 11, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

On Friday afternoon, February 6, 2015 I was present when a petition taker approached my father in front of 1404 Quitman Street and asked him to sign a petition to protest "a 20 story building that is going to bring thousands of people into the neighborhood." I heard his presentation but did not get to examine the actual written petition since the petition taker bolted down the street when my father told him that his information was incorrect.

**Dewey Gallard** 

### Feivel (Don) Gallard 5100 West 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Denver, CO 80204

February 17, 2015

Re: CB14-1094

Esteemed City Council Members,

Please find attached 28 signed response cards, requests by the signatories that their names be removed from petitions that they signed in opposition to the Rezoning of Block One at the St. Anthony Redevelopment site. Also please find 35 signed response cards in favor of the Rezoning of Block One at the St. Anthony Redevelopment site.

This unusual format is a response to a very active anti-Rezoning petition campaign that was implemented IN ADVANCE of an informational meeting organized for the Westside Jewish Community with all questions (pro and con) for EFG and NAVA presented to a moderator in advance of the meeting. In the absence of balanced information, the oppositional campaign was reported to be very successful. Also, various signatories stated that seeing their friends' names on the petition was persuasive in the absence of knowledge of the issues. In contrast, response cards allowed a sense of "secret ballot," eliminating the influence that seeing someone else's name on a petition often has.

Once the informational meeting was held, some individuals regretted having signed the petition opposing the Rezoning and expressed a desire to have a non-confrontational mechanism to recant their support. In response to this, a written question and answer format was developed privately (1750 words) presenting the most prevalent pros and cons of the Rezoning within a backdrop of the current "ambiance" of the West Colfax Corridor. It was presented to a random sample of families, one at a time, and left for them to process with a self addressed stamped envelope and response cards. The presentation was positively disposed to the Rezoning but there was no high pressure.

The results are as follows: (the entire community was not polled; just a meaningful, random sample)

- 76% of the households polled responded (1 adult, sometimes 2)
- 57% of the households polled (1 sometimes 2 adults) requested to be <u>removed</u> from the petition they signed in opposition to the Rezoning
- 47% of the individuals who responded requested to go on record in favor of the Rezoning
- 19% of the households requesting to be removed from the oppositional petition did not vote in favor, implying that they are <u>neutral</u>

I would respectfully request that the Councilors use the percentages generated by this sample of our community to reduce the force of the negative petition(s) proportionately and recognize that this sample implies that approximately 66% of our community seems to be either in favor of the Rezoning or neutral on the issue.

Respectfully,

Feivel Gallard

Activist, Westside Jewish Community

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Dear Councilwoman Shepherd,

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As a resident of the Sloan's Lake neighborhood, I'm writing to you today to express my FULL SUPPORT for NAVA's request to rezone block 1 of the former St. Anthony's hospital site.

Before I discuss why I support the project, I want to commend NAVA and EFG on their community engagement process. Never in my time have I met a pair of developers so committed to providing a quality project for the existing neighborhood and our future neighbors at SLOANS.

While I'm excited about the project as a whole, I'm particularly thrilled to see the addition of owner-occupied condos along West Colfax. Our neighborhood always wanted a mix of for-sale and rental units on the St. Anthony's site. We are lucky that NAVA is willing to incorporate these into their project considering the risk that's associated with condos. The mix of housing proposed for this site is entirely consistent with the West Colfax Plan.

Thank you for all that you do. I hope that you'll strongly consider supporting this rezoning and what would a tremendous addition to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

#### Feivel Gallard

5100 West Fourteenth Avenue

Denver, Colorado 80204 303-825-5811 303-818-5811 (c)

February 12, 2015

303-825-5810 (f) Mr.Gallard@bjhs.org

Dear Councilwoman Shepherd,

I have been a resident at the above address in the West Colfax Neighborhood for 23 years. I am writing to you today as an informed citizen who supports NAVA's rezoning request for Block One on the former St. Anthony's hospital site.

First and foremost, NAVA and EFG have done a tremendous job of engaging the West Colfax and surrounding community. Not many development teams are willing to conduct over 80 community meetings and positively incorporate the neighborhood's feedback. Now onto why I support the rezoning request:

- NAVA has chosen to take on the construction of for sale condominium units. Owner-occupied units
  further the vision of the West Colfax Plan, which calls for a mix of housing types, including
  condominiums. Our community needs more residents who are looking to live, work and play on West
  Colfax. The introduction of a new population of home owners will attract the neighborhood
  amenities that are sorely lacking along the Colfax Corridor.
- 2. I, like many in the neighborhood, am a big supporter of density that capitalizes on Denver's newly constructed transit system. Twelve stories is more than appropriate for a site that is blocks away from the West Rail Line. Approving this rezoning will help us maximize our public investment in transit, while striking balance with the vision for West Colfax. The proximity only blocks away of the Metro Manor which is 18 stories tall and the dominance of the downtown skyline looking east on 17th Avenue means that this building will not be out of place.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I strongly urge you to support this rezoning request as an asset to our neighborhood and our City.

Sincerely,

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303-825-5811 FAX 303-825-5810 E-MAIL <u>GALLARDC@GMAIL.COM</u>

February 6, 2015

Dear Councilwoman Shepherd,

As a resident and property owner in the West Colfax neighborhood for past 23 years, I'm writing to you today to express my FULL support for NAVA's rezoning request of block 1 at the old St. Anthony's hospital site. I'm pleased to support this development for the following reasons and I hope you'll consider doing the same:

West Colfax and the surrounding community is very lucky to have a developer who is willing to take on the risk to build for-sale condo product. As you know quite well, few developers are willing to take on these projects due to construction defects legislation. Still, NAVA is committed to building a project that will act as a catalyst for future investment in the West Colfax neighborhood.

I've been extremely impressed by NAVA and EFG's public engagement process. They've held a considerable amount of meetings and their project reflects the sentiment held by a majority of the neighborhood.

Approving reasonable density on this site means capitalizing on our public investment in the West Rail Line and the Perry Station. Too many transit oriented development (TOD) locations are being dominated by rental housing. It's imperative that we help facility a mix of housing types as these TOD sites were intended to have.

I hope you'll consider approving this rezoning as it will bring countless benefits to Denver and the West Colfax community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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February 11, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

On Friday afternoon, February 6, 2015 I was approached by a petition taker in front of 1404 Quitman Street who asked me to sign a petition to protest "a 20 story building that is going to bring thousands of people into the neighborhood." I examined his petition and indeed "20 Stories" was included in the language at the top of his petition. When I challenged this regarding the 20 stories he sprinted away, south on Quitman at top speed.

Feivel Gallard