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**TO:** Denver City Council  
**FROM:** Sarah Showalter, Senior City Planner  
**DATE:** July 10, 2014  
**RE:** **CB14-0398:** Denver Zoning Code Text Amendment to allow for the Sales of Fresh Produce and Cottage Foods as a Home Occupation.

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On July 14, City Council will continue the Public Hearing that was opened on June 16 regarding CB14-0398, a Text Amendment to the Denver Zoning Code to allow the sale of Fresh Produce and Cottage Foods as a Home Occupation.

On June 19, all Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) were notified of the continued hearing date on July 14. As of the date of this memo, CPD and the bill sponsor have not received additional written comments from RNOs. One additional letter in support of the ordinance has been received and is attached to this memo.



June 16, 2014

Dear Denver City Council Members,

I am writing to express WalkDenver's support for amending the Denver Zoning Code to allow fresh produce and cottage food sales as a home occupation (CB14-0398). This would allow Denver residents to access fresh, healthy foods simply by walking within their own neighborhoods.

Currently, the USDA estimates that at least one-sixth of Denver residents live in "food deserts," low income census tracts where a substantial number or share of residents has low access to supermarket or large grocery stores. The lack of neighborhood grocery stores is particularly burdensome on residents who are unable to drive because of age, income or disability.

Walking is the most accessible and affordable form of transportation, and people who are able to incorporate walking into their daily activities such as shopping for food are more likely to achieve the recommended 30 minutes of physical activity each day.

Denver's Community Health Improvement Plan identifies Healthy Eating and Active Living as a priority focus area, and the proposed amendment would directly support the plan's objectives to both increase access to nutritious foods in underserved areas and increase of the number of safe and active environments that support physical activity.

WalkDenver therefore strongly encourages City Council to pass the proposed amendment, thereby helping Denver to become a healthier, more walkable, and economically thriving community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gosia Kung", is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

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