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**From:** margiev02@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 11:04 AM  
**To:** dncc@denvergov.org  
**Cc:** Robb, Jeanne - City Council Dist. #10; Showalter, Sarah K - CPD Planning Services  
**Subject:** Golden Neighborhood Plan

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the City Council Meeting tonight. I had wanted to testify in support of the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan. Nonetheless, I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of the Cultural Arts Residential Organization. I am the President of CARO and I also served on the stakeholders committee which was organized to evaluate the neighborhood plan during the past year.

I am particularly supportive of the plan recommendation on page 103 under implementation to form a committee that will keep the momentum moving forward on all aspects of the plan and to continue to work collaboratively to explore the next steps for creating organizational and funding mechanisms to support the construction, operations and maintenance of planned improvements and programs within the Golden Triangle.

I have been invited to a part of the stakeholder group that will engage in the Golden Triangle Steering Committee and look forward to participating in the Steering Committee in a meaningful way. I am presently serving on a Golden Triangle Museum District and Golden Triangle Collaboration Committee to analyze how we can work together for the betterment of the neighborhood and support the efforts made by the Golden Triangle Museum District with regard to a future Creative Art District.

Please include my letter of support in the documents admitted at the City Council public hearing on Monday, November 10, 2014.

Respectfully submitted.

Margie Valdez, Member, Stakeholder Advisory Group  
President, Cultural Arts Residential Organization



November 6, 2014

Councilwoman Jeanne Robb  
District Council 10  
1437 Bannock Street  
Denver CO 80202

CC. Denver City Council, Community Planning & Development, Will Bright, Dick Kisseberth, Golden Triangle Neighborhood Association, Golden Triangle Museum District

**RE: CB14-0861 A bill for an ordinance approving the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan**

Dear Councilwoman Robb and Members of City Council:

Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, Inc. (CHUN) is a registered neighborhood organization, which was formed in 1969 for the area of Denver bounded by Broadway, East First Avenue, Colorado Boulevard and East 22d Avenue. CHUN's mission is to preserve the past, improve the present and plan for the future of Greater Capitol Hill. CHUN represents over 1100 residents, neighbors and businesses within its boundaries. The following motion was made to our board in November:

**Motion Regarding the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan-- CHUN should support the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan.**

Background: Board Delegate Will Bright and former Zoning Committee chair Dick Kisseberth represented CHUN on the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan Stakeholders Committee. Throughout the planning, the CHUN board was kept abreast of the process and progress. Following many months of hard work by the Technical Task Force, the neighbors and businesses, a consensus has been reached. The CHUN Land Use and Zoning Committee voted to support the Neighborhood Plan and forward it to the full CHUN board for its approval. In November, the CHUN board voted on the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan and it was approved.

**24 Voted in Favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Nov. 10, 2014

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Denver Art Museum to express enthusiastic support for adoption of the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan.

I was fortunate to be part of the planning steering committee and I was impressed at the thoughtful nature of the discussion that took place among a broad base of stakeholders, and also inspired by the thought of what the Golden Triangle neighborhood could be.

Since the realization of the Hamilton Building more than seven years ago, the Museum has envisioned a vibrant, destination neighborhood that celebrates its eclecticism and leverages its arts assets to further brand itself. The new plan pushes us to work together to realize the full potential of the neighborhood and focus on key projects to propel us forward. The Museum welcomes more than a half million visitors through our doors each year, and we are eager to find ways to keep them in the neighborhood longer, entice more of them to become residents and business owners, and turn them into loyal visitors to more of the neighborhood amenities. In order to do this, evolution of the surrounding space is necessary.

I also urge the city agencies that play an integral role in helping bolster the infrastructure and define guidelines, including zoning, to prioritize the Golden Triangle neighborhood plan, and make it a model for the city. As the largest property owner in the Golden Triangle, the City has a rare opportunity to enhance the spaces that so many of its employees and customers frequent.

The Denver Art Museum is excited to continue the conversations begun during the planning process and foster many of the great ideas to fruition. Thank you for your support of the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan.

Sincerely,

Andrea Fulton  
Deputy Director, Chief Marketing Officer  
Denver Art Museum



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November 10, 2014

Brad Buchanan, Executive Director  
Denver Community Planning and Development  
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Dear Mr. Buchanan:

The Downtown Denver Partnership wishes to express our strong support for the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Plan. It builds on the vision and goals of the 2007 Downtown Area Plan and represents an important next step in updating and implementing the legacy of the Downtown Area Plan.

The Plan's overall vision elements - Eclectic, Connected, Creative, and Livable – combined with the strategic approach of including both large catalytic visions and tactical quick wins, will provide a strong path for the successful maturation of the Golden Triangle neighborhood. The Plan responds well to the changing environment in Downtown Denver and the Golden Triangle neighborhood, specifically outlining visions that address changing transportation habits of millennials and a growing interest in building a diverse transportation options network that connects the neighborhood to the rest of Downtown Denver, as well as the City.

There are many laudable specific goals within each of the above-mentioned vision elements that we support, but we would like to call specific attention to the following:

A3. Catalytic Development – targeting specific development sites and implementing strategies that will accelerate their redevelopment consistent with the Plan's vision is vital to the successful evolution of the Golden Triangle as Denver continues in the current period of strong redevelopment activity.

B1. Robust Mobility and B2. Grand Boulevards – developing better multimodal connections between Golden Triangle and adjoining districts, including other Downtown districts, is an essential component to a thriving 21<sup>st</sup> century neighborhood. A thoughtful plan for Civic Center Station and the surrounding area, and enhanced transit and bicycle connections, especially along Broadway, are important steps in providing mobility options to the neighborhood. At the same time, the uses along and treatment of the Grand

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Boulevards that surround the Golden Triangle, as recommended by the plan, will both strengthen the identity of the neighborhood and reduce the perceived barriers that have been associated with the Grand Boulevard streets in the past.

C3. Arts and Culture Trail – this is a visionary concept that celebrates the unique identity elements of the Golden Triangle in an interactive and multimodal fashion that also welcomes visitors to learn more about the neighborhood in a healthy and fun manner. We believe this idea is so powerful that it could also be extended to adjacent districts to strengthen linkages between adjoining neighborhoods and create an even richer and more diverse experience.

D1. Connected Open Spaces – this goal builds on the Downtown Area Plan goal of an Outdoor Downtown, and serves as an important guidepost for Denver’s Outdoor Downtown plan that the City and the Partnership recently initiated. Most importantly, it acknowledges the importance and interconnectedness of each component of the Golden Triangle’s open spaces, from the grandeur of Civic Center to the intimacy of the Speer triangles, and recognizes that the entire public realm must be utilized effectively in order to maximize recreational opportunities and quality of life for neighborhood users.

The Partnership is prepared to be a collaborative partner with the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Association, the City & County of Denver, and private developers and investors who wish to continue to see the Golden Triangle neighborhood become one of Denver’s most livable neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamara Door". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Tamara Door  
President & CEO  
Downtown Denver Partnership