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Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Support for East Area Plan
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Dear Denver City Councilmembers:

My name is Mina Ishida Goldstein and I am writing today to encourage the Denver City Council to approve the East Area Plan. I'm happily settled right off Colfax in the plan area and I'm also a member of the East Area Plan Steering Committee. I'm raising my children here and my parents also live a few doors down while many family and friends live close by. We are a multi-racial, multi-ethnic family and love living here on our diverse block with apartments, duplexes, and single-family homes of different sizes with a beautiful array of neighbors. I love my community and try to volunteer as much as I can because I believe strongly in people and the need for social justice.

Some of my main concerns are income inequality and segregation. All of us, residents and government, need to do everything we can now to house people and reduce gaps. Throughout the three-year planning process for the EAP, I have talked to hundreds of people who are my neighbors, friends, family, contacts in the area and the vast majority support the vision of this plan for more housing variety and affordability, more equitable transportation and mobility for all, and adaptive and creative use of spaces to create economic opportunities.

Most importantly, the East Area Plan sets the tone for moving away from our city's history of restrictive zoning, suppressed and segregated housing supply, and ever-increasing income inequality and wealth gaps, problems that have been around for a while but have only gotten worse during this difficult pandemic.

During the long planning process, significant accommodations were made to many different neighbors and the plan has taken into account many different needs and viewpoints. I encourage City Council to approve the East Area Plan and look forward to the Council and neighbors working together to quickly and thoughtfully implement the plan so we can create more opportunities for all.

Sincerely,

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