Peña Station North

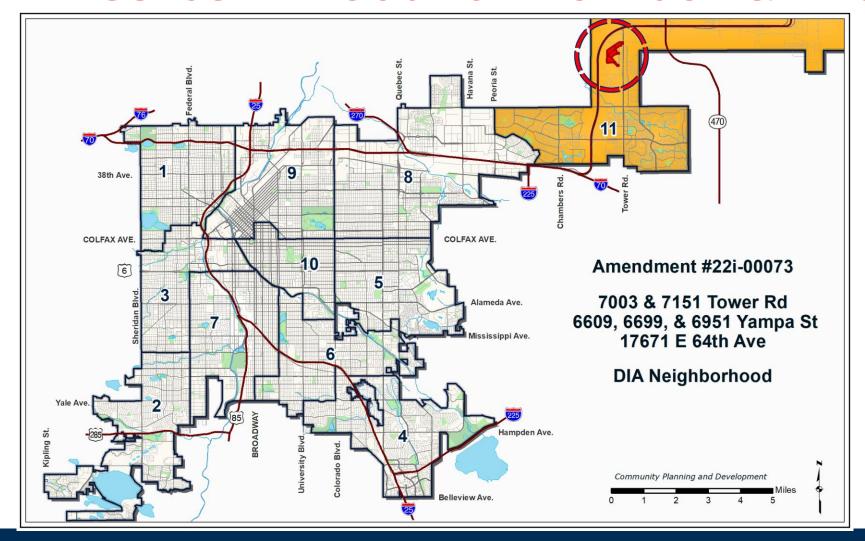
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Request: C-MU-10 waivers & conditions, AIO; C-MU-20 waivers & conditions, AIO; and C-MU-30 waivers & conditions, AIO to S-MX-8, AIO and S-MX-8A, AIO

Date: 11/29/2022

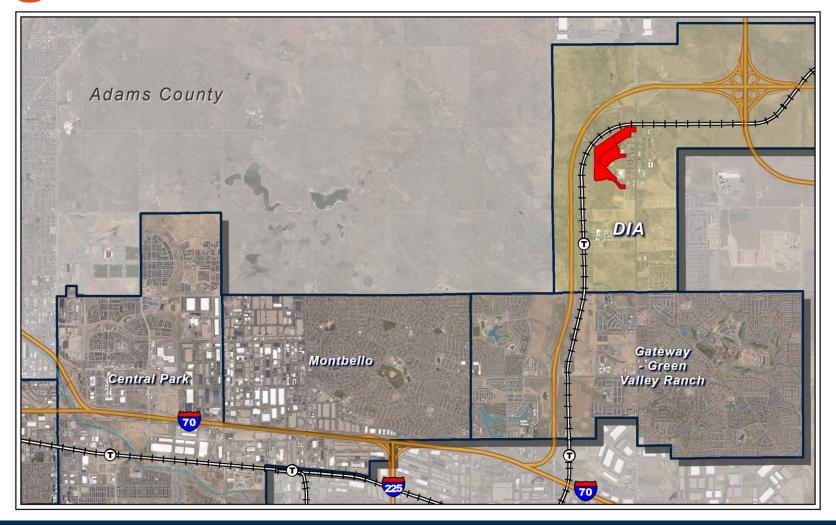


Council District 11: Councilmember Gilmore



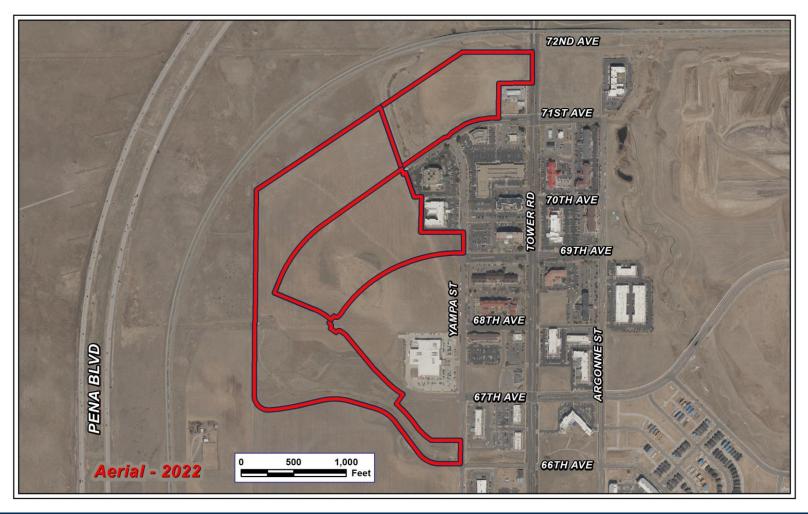


DIA Neighborhood





Request: S-MX-8, AIO and S-MX-8A, AIO



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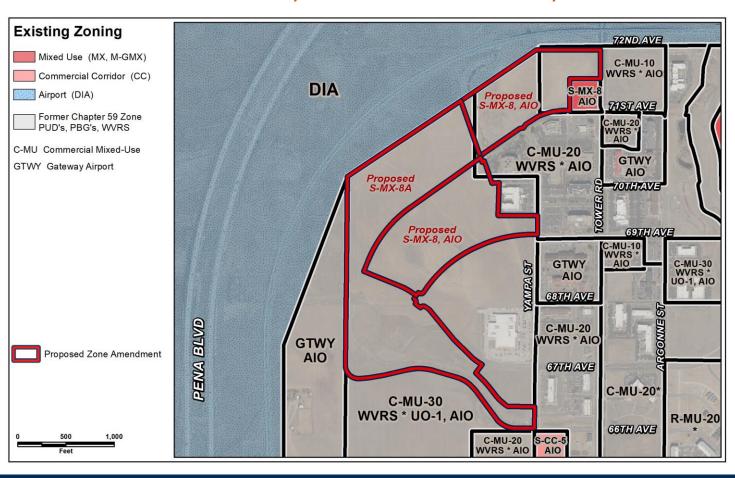
- Approx. 93 acres
- Vacant

Proposal

- Rezoning from C-MU-10, C-MU-20,
 C-MU-30 all with waivers and conditions, AIO to S-MX-8, AIO and S-MX-8A, AIO
 - S-MX-8 allows the General,
 Shopfront, and Drive Thru
 building forms with a max.
 height of 8 stories, 110'
 - S-MX-8A allows the General and Shopfront buildings forms with a max. height of 8 stories, 110'



Existing Zoning: C-MU-10, C-MU-20, C-MU-30 all with waivers, conditions, AIO



Current Zoning:

C-MU-10, waivers & conditions

- F.A.R. of 2
- Variety of commercial use, no residential allowed

C-MU-20, waivers & conditions

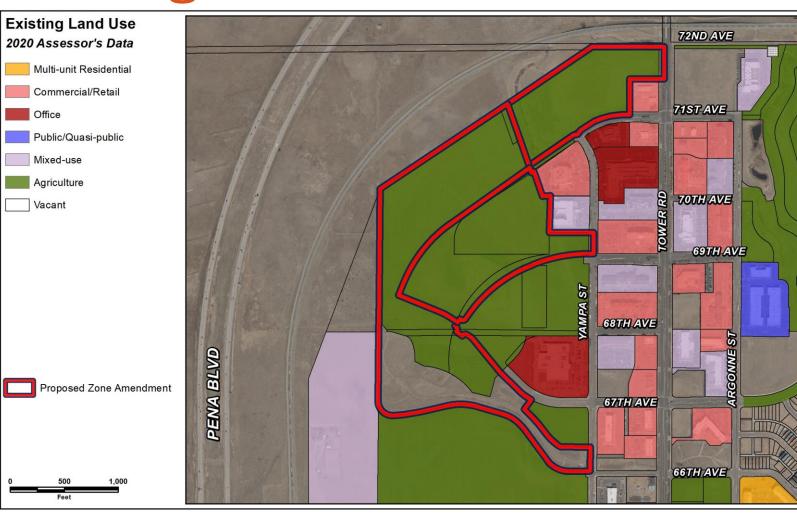
- F.A.R. of 1
- Variety of commercial use, no residential allowed

C-MU-30, waivers & conditions

- F.A.R. of 1
- Variety of commercial use, no residential allowed



Existing Land Use



Land Use: Vacant

Surrounding Land Uses:

- Commercial/Retail
- Office
- Mixed-use
- Agriculture

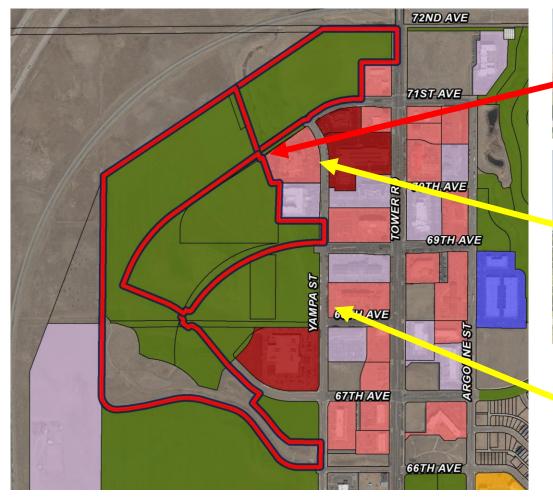


Existing Building Form/Scale





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Process

- Informational Notice: 8/3/22
- Planning Board Notice Posted: 10/18/22
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 11/2/22
- LUTI Committee: 11/29/22
- City Council Public Hearing: 1/17/23 (tentative)
- Public Comment
 - To date, staff has received no comment letters



Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
 - Comprehensive Plan 2040
 - Blueprint Denver (2019)
 - Far Northeast Area Plan (2019)
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Consistency with Adopted Plans: Comprehensive Plan 2040

Equity

• Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 1, Strategy C: Improve equitable access to resources that improve quality of life, including cultural and natural amenities, health care, education, parks, recreation, nutritious foods and the arts" (p. 28),



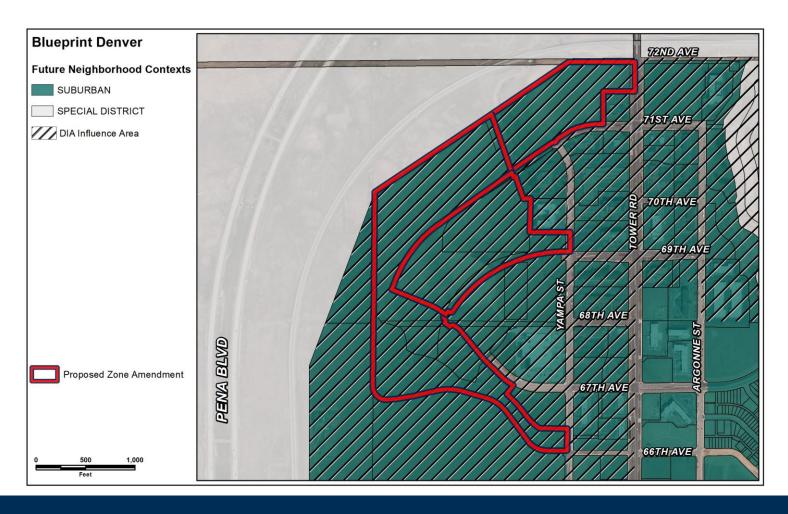
Economically Diverse and Vibrant

• Environmentally Resilient Goal 2, Strategy B: Facilitate the growth of a diverse business sector that serves as the foundation for a global, innovative economy" (p. 46).





Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver

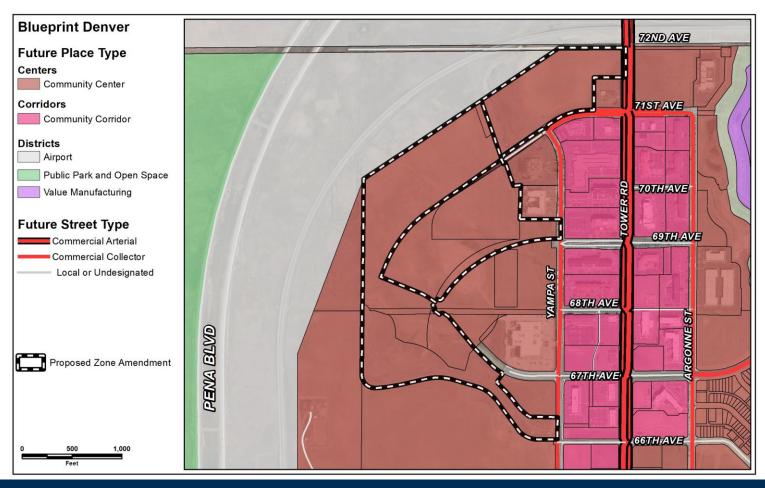


Future Context - Suburban

 Commercial development is focused along main corridors and centers bordering residential areas. Although this context is more autooriented than other, there should still be quality multimodal connections.



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver

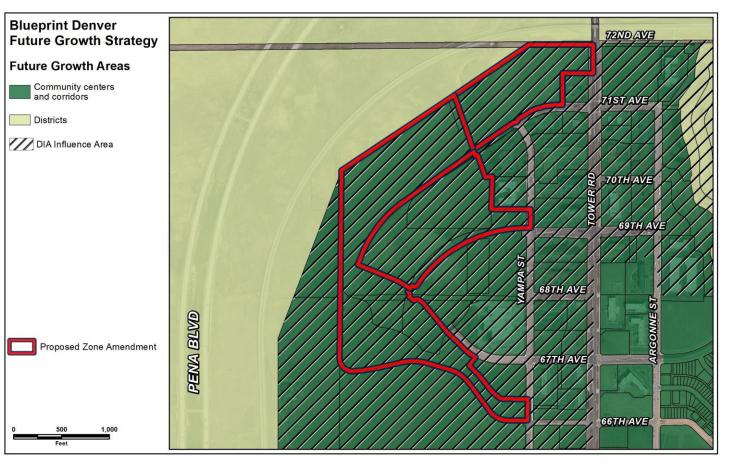


Future Place – Community Center

- Some mix of office, commercial, and residential uses.
- A mix of larger and smaller scale buildings, some setback from the street to accommodate parking.
- Recommended heights are generally up to 5 stories



Consistency with Adopted Plans: Blueprint Denver



Growth Areas Strategy – Community Centers & Corridors

- Anticipated to see around 25% of new housing growth and 20% of new employment growth by 2040
- Most growth is guided to regional centers, community centers and corridors, select districts and high and medium-high intensity residential areas.



EQUITY ANALYSIS

Blueprint Denver Contains Three Major Equity Concepts

 Integrating these concepts into planning and implementation will help to create a more equitable Denver.

Improving
Access to
Opportunity

creating more equitable access to quality-of-life amenities, health and quality education.

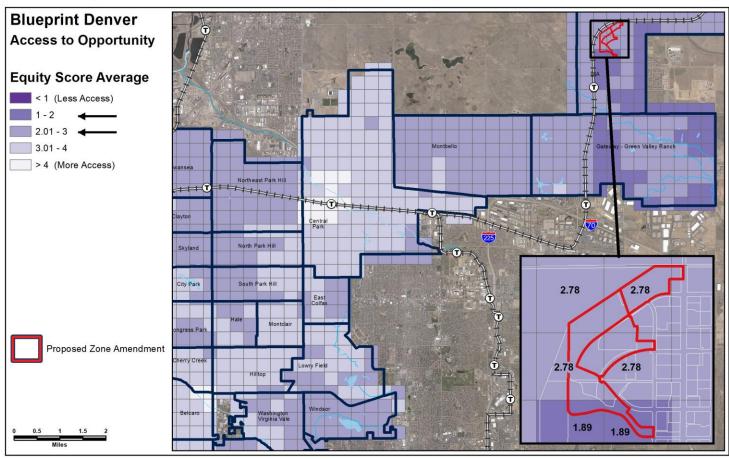
Reducing Vulnerability to Displacement

stabilizing residents and businesses who are vulnerable to involuntary displacement due to increasing property values and rents. Expanding Housing and Jobs Diversity

providing a better and more inclusive range of housing and employment options in all neighborhoods.

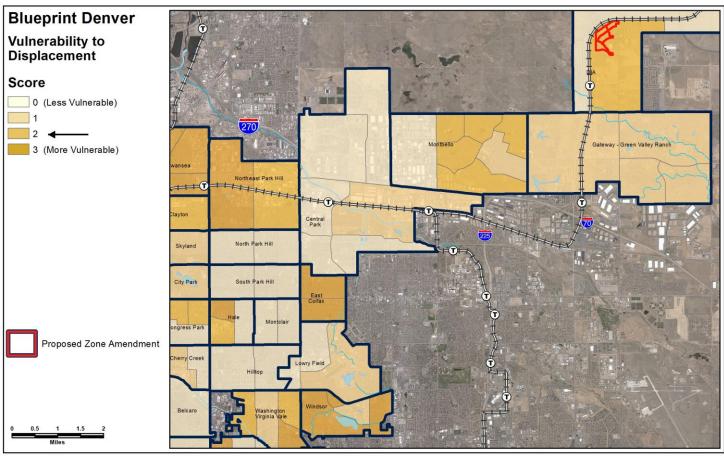


Blueprint Denver (2019) - Access to Opportunity



- Low to Moderate access to opportunity
- Less equitable access to fresh foods, parks, and transit

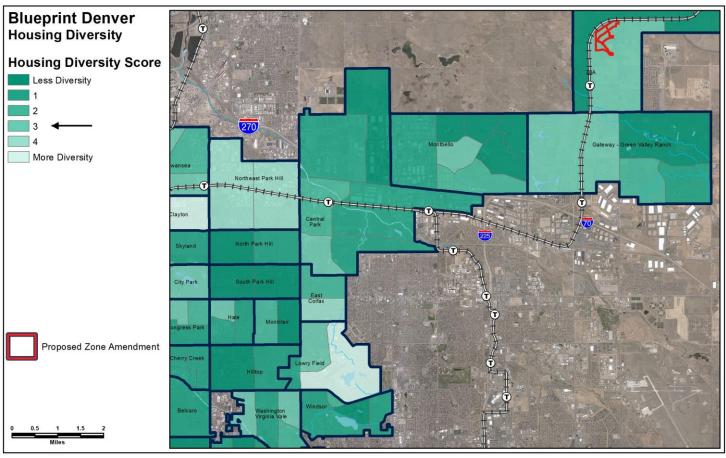
Blueprint Denver (2019) - Vulnerability to Involuntary Displacement



- Moderate vulnerability to involuntary displacement
- Lower-than-average median household incomes
- Higher-than-average percentage of people with less than a college degree

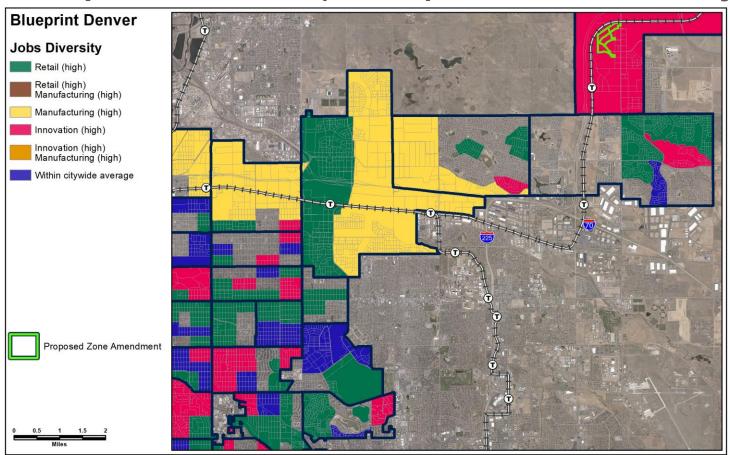


Blueprint Denver (2019) - Housing Diversity



- Moderate housing diversity
- Not diverse in terms of the percentage of renters to owners and housing costs

Blueprint Denver (2019) - Jobs Diversity



 Higher-than-average number of innovation jobs compared to the city.

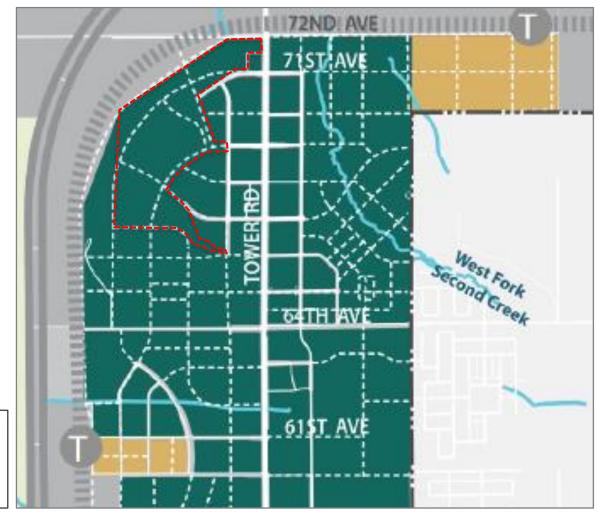


Far Northeast Area Plan

Suburban Neighborhood Context

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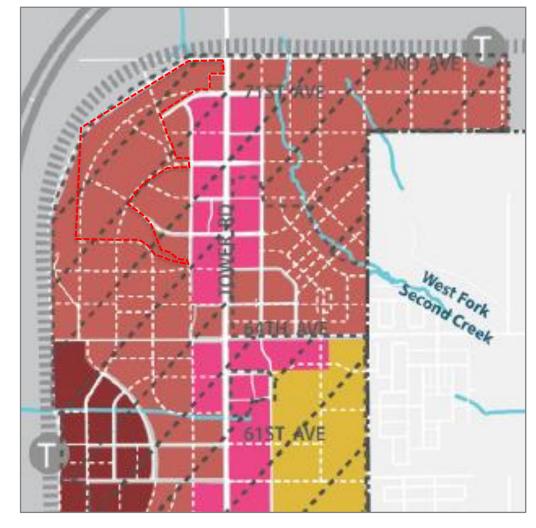


Far Northeast Area Plan

Community Center Future Place

- A mix of office, retail, eating and drinking establishments, commercial services, and multi-unit residential uses.
- Community centers should include communityserving amenities, minimize setbacks, and include pedestrian-friendly elements, such as ground story activation, transparency and pedestrian entrances.







Far Northeast Area Plan

Community Centers & Corridors Growth Strategy

 Most change is expected to occur in greenfield areas, that are currently underdeveloped...In addition to the significant growth opportunity on undeveloped land, growth is also expected in existing community centers and corridors through reinvestment and redevelopment.





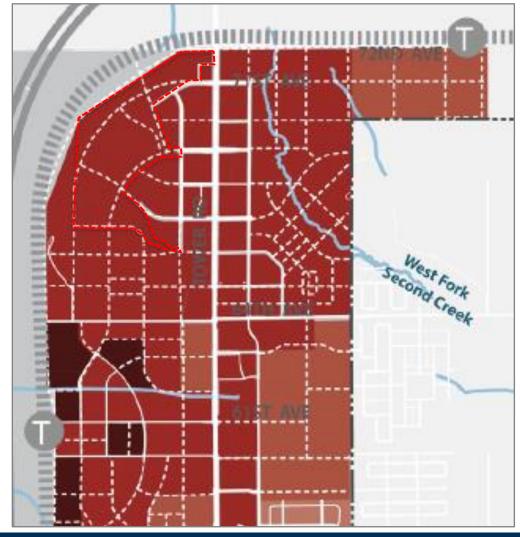


Far Northeast Area Plan

Maximum Building Heights

 For the subject property, the recommended maximum building height is 8 stories.







Consistency with Adopted Plans: Far Northeast Area Plan

Denver International Airport Neighborhood Guidance

Recommendations for the area include the following:

- "Create a variety of centers throughout the DIA neighborhood:
 - North of 64th Avenue at Peña Station North (west of Tower Road) and High Point (east of Tower Road). This area has the capacity to support an additional 1,180,000 square feet of commercial development which would generate over 3,800 new jobs" (p. 187).
- "Consider tools to achieve the denser development vision for this area, including encouraging properties with Former Chapter 59 zoning to rezone into the Denver Zoning Code as a strategy to promote design outcomes" (p. 188).



Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- Proposed rezoning will result in uniform application of zone district building form, use and design regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare
- Implements adopted plans
- Ensure new development does not impact the operations of the airport
- 4. Justifying Circumstances
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Denver Zoning Code Review Criteria

- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
- 3. Further Public Health, Safety and Welfare

4. Justifying Circumstances

- Rezoning from Former Chapter 59 zoning
- A City adopted plan:
 - Blueprint Denver (2019)
 - Far Northeast Area Plan (2019)
- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent



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- 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans
- 2. Uniformity of District Regulations
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- 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context, Zone District Purpose and Intent
- Suburban Neighborhood Context characterized by single-unit, and multi-unit residential, commercial strips and centers, and office parks. Commercial buildings are typically separated from residential and consist of Shopfront and General forms.
- Mixed-use districts are appropriate along corridors, for larger sites and at major intersections. They include building form standards that balance the importance of street presence and provision of adequate parking through build-to requirements, street level activation and parking lot screening.



CPD Recommendation

- CPD recommends approval, based on finding all review criteria have been met
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