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## Zone Map Amendment (Rezoning) - Application

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION*			PROPERTY OWNER(S) REPRESENTATIVE**				
	CONTACT FOR APPLICATION			□ CHECK IF POINT OF CONTACT FOR APPLICATION			
Property Owner Name				Representative Name			
Address				Address			
City, State, Zip				City, State, Zip			
Telephone				Telephone			
Email				Email			
*If More Than One Property Owner: All standard zone map amendment applications shall be initiated by all the owners of at least 51% of the total area of the zone lots subject to the rezoning application, or their representatives autho- rized in writing to do so. See page 3.		ne lots		**Property owner shall provide a written letter authorizing the repre- sentative to act on his/her behalf.			
Please attach Proof of Ownership acceptable to the Manager for each Warranty deed or deed of trust, or (c) Title policy or commitment date		ger for each itment date	pr ed r	property owner signing the application, such as (a) Assessor's Record, (b) d no earlier than 60 days prior to application date.			
If the owner is a corporate entity, proof of authorization for an individ board resolutions authorizing the signer, bylaws, a Statement of Auth		or an individ Ient of Auth	ua ori	al to sign on behalf of the organization is required. This can include ority, or other legal documents as approved by the City Attorney's Office.			
SUBJECT PROPERTY INFORMATION							
Location (address and/or boundary description):							
Assessor's Parcel Numbers:							
Area in Acres or Square Feet:							
Current Zone District(s):							
PROPOSAL							
Proposed Zone District:							

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REVIEW CRITERIA					
	Consistency with Adopted Plans: The proposed official map amendment is consistent with the City's adopted plans, or the proposed rezoning is necessary to provide land for a community need that was not anticipated the time of adoption of the City's Plan.				
General Review Crite- ria: The proposal must comply with all of the	Please provide an attachment describing relevant adopted plans and how proposed map amendment is consistent with those plan recommendations; or, describe how the map amendment is necessary to provide for an unanticipated community need.				
general review criteria DZC Sec. 12.4.10.7	Uniformity of District Regulations and Restrictions: The proposed official map amendment results in regula- tions and restrictions that are uniform for each kind of building throughout each district having the same clas- sification and bearing the same symbol or designation on the official map, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts.				
	Public Health, Safety and General Welfare: The proposed official map amendment furthers the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City.				
Additional Review Cri- teria for Non-Legislative Rezonings: The proposal must comply with both of the additional review criteria DZC Sec. 12.4.10.8	Justifying Circumstances - One of the following circumstances exists:         The existing zoning of the land was the result of an error.         The existing zoning of the land was based on a mistake of fact.         The existing zoning of the land failed to take into account the constraints on development created by the natural characteristics of the land, including, but not limited to, steep slopes, floodplain, unstable soils, and inadequate drainage.         The land or its surroundings has changed or is changing to such a degree that it is in the public interest to encourage a redevelopment of the area to recognize the changed character of the area.         It is in the public interest to encourage a departure from the existing zoning through application of supplemental zoning regulations that are consistent with the intent and purpose of, and meet the specific criteria stated in, Article 9, Division 9.4 (Overlay Zone Districts), of this Code.         Please provide an attachment describing the justifying circumstance.         The proposed official map amendment is consistent with the description of the applicable neighborhood context, and with the stated purpose and intent of the proposed Zone District.         Please provide an attachment describing how the above criterion is met.				
REQUIRED ATTACH	MENTS				
Please ensure the followin	g required attachments are submitted with this application:				
<ul> <li>Legal Description (red</li> <li>Proof of Ownership D</li> <li>Review Criteria</li> </ul>	quired to be attached in Microsoft Word document format) ocument(s)				
ADDITIONAL ATTAC	CHMENTS				
	nal attachments provided with this application:				
	n to Represent Property Owner(s) ion to Sign on Behalf of a Corporate Entity				
Please list any additional a	ttachments:				
l ast undated: February 22-2017	Return completed form to rezoning@denvergov.org				



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#### PROPERTY OWNER OR PROPERTY OWNER(S) REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION/PETITION

We, the undersigned represent that we are the owners of the property described opposite our names, or have the authorization to sign on behalf of the owner as evidenced by a Power of Attorney or other authorization attached, and that we do hereby request initiation of this application. I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all information supplied with this application is true and accurate. I understand that without such owner consent, the requested official map amendment action cannot lawfully be accomplished.

Property Owner Name(s) (please type or print legibly)       Property City, State, Zip Phone Email       Property Owner In- Centerst % of the Zone Email       Please sign below as an indication of your the Zone Rezoned       Date       Indicate the ship docume- that he rest wor or intication state- ment         EXAMPLE John Alan Smith and Josie Q. Smith       123 Sesame Street Denver, CO 80202 (303) 555-555 sample@sample.gov       100% <i>genu Qenu Smith</i> <i>Gait C. Smith</i> 01/01/12       (A)       YES,         Application per DZCC Section 12.4.10.4.A.2.a       01/01/12       (A)       YES,		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				·	
John Alan Smith and Josie Q. Smith       Denver, CO 80202 (303) 555-5555 sample@sample.gov       100%       John Olan Smith Josie Q. Smith       01/01/12       (A)       YES,         Application       initiated by the CPD Executive Director. No owner authorization required       01/01/12       (A)       YES,	(please type or print	City, State, Zip Phone	Owner In- terest % of the Area of the Zone Lots to Be	an indication of your consent to the above certification state-	Date	type of owner- ship documen- tation provided: (A) Assessor's record, (B) war- ranty deed or deed of trust, (C) title policy or commitment, or (D) other as	owner au- thorized a represen- tative in writing?
Director. No owner authorization required	John Alan Smith and	Denver, CO 80202 (303) 555-5555	100%	John Wan Smith Josie O. Smith	01/01/12	(A)	YES
		Director. N	o owne	r authorizati	on requ		

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### EXHIBIT A

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#### LAND DESCRIPTION

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 68 WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BLOCK 53, FIRST ADDITION TO THE BYERS SUBDIVISION; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 53 AND A PORTION OF BLOCK 54, BEING THE WESTERLY LINE OF SOUTH CHEROKEE STREET, S00°09'12"W A DISTANCE OF 460.69 FEET;

THENCE ALONG A LINE BEING 135.00 FEET SOUTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 54, N89°49'51"W A DISTANCE OF 116.41 FEET;

THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY AND WESTERLY LINE OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN RECEPTION NO. 2004137125 FILED AT DENVER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDERS OFFICE THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE COURSES;

1.) N89°49'51"W A DISTANCE OF 32.50 FEET;

2.) THENCE N22°25'56"W A DISTANCE OF 29.19 FEET;

THENCE N89°49'51"W A DISTANCE OF 190.69 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID BLOCK 54 SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID FIRST ADDITION TO THE BYERS SUBDIVISION, S22°49'16"E A DISTANCE OF 387.30 FEET;

THENCE 112.55 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 275.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 23°27'01" AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS N32°07'37"W A DISTANCE OF 111.77 FEET;

THENCE S60°11'57"W A DISTANCE OF 13.91 FEET;

THENCE N29°48'03"W A DISTANCE OF 128.99 FEET;

THENCE N89°51'04"W A DISTANCE OF 4.91 FEET;

THENCE 164.26 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2264.06 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04°09'25" AND A CHORD WHICH BEARS N29°17'30"W A DISTANCE OF 164.23 FEET;

THENCE S89°49'51"E A DISTANCE OF 19.56 FEET;

THENCE N00°10'09"E A DISTANCE OF 14.28 FEET;

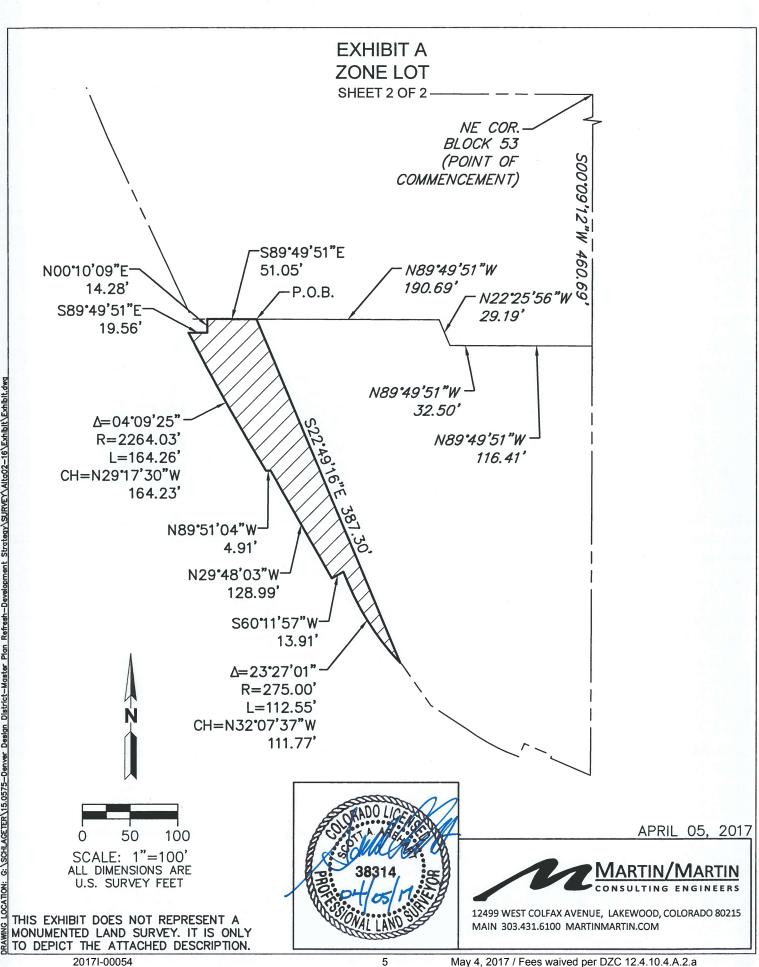
THENCE S89°49'51"E A DISTANCE OF 51.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

#### **BASIS OF BEARINGS**

BEARINGS ARE BASED ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF N00°45'32"W ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, BEING MONUMENTED BY A FOUND STONE IN RANGE BOX AT THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER AND A FOUND STONE IN RANGE BOX AT THE CENTER QUARTER CORNER.

PREPARED BY SCOTT A. AREHART, PLS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MARTIN/MARTIN, INC. 12499 WEST COLFAX AVENUE LAKEWOOD, COLORADO 80215 APRIL 05, 2017 303-431-6100





G: \SCHLAGETER\15.0575-Denver Design District-Master Plan Refresh-Development Strategy\SURVEY\AltG02-16\Exhibit\Exhibit\Exhibit\dw

LOCATION:

May 4, 2017 / Fees waived per DZC 12.4.10.4.A.2.a

#### 385, 395, 405, 415 Cherokee Rezoning Request

The request is to rezone the west portion of the Denizen development from I-B UO-2 to C-MX-16, to match the majority of the development. The present parcel was previously two separate parcels. With the adoption of the Denver Zoning Code in 2010, the eastern parcel, which makes up the majority of the site, was zoned C-MX-16 UO-2 to facilitate redevelopment near the Alameda Station platform, consistent with adopted plans. The western portion was part of the adjacent rail right-of-way and zoned I-B UO-2. When the property was sold to the developer, both portions were included and a development plan was approved for the combined site. However, the I-B zone district does not allow the uses that are now on the site as part of the completed development. Therefore, a rezoning is needed to bring the zoning into alignment with the existing permitted development.

The criteria for review of this rezoning application are found in DZC, Sections 12.4.10.7 and 12.4.10.8, as follows:

#### DZC Section 12.4.10.7

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

#### DZC Section 12.4.10.8

- 1. Justifying Circumstances
- 2. Consistency with Neighborhood Context Description, Zone District Purpose and Intent Statements

#### 1. Consistency with Adopted Plans

The following adopted plans apply to this property:

- Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000
- Blueprint Denver (2002)
- Baker Neighborhood Plan (2003)
- Alameda Station Area Plan (2009)
- Denver Design District General Development Plan (2009)

#### Denver Comprehensive Plan 2000

The proposal is consistent with many Denver Comprehensive Plan strategies, including:

- Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2-F Conserve land by promoting infill development with Denver at sites where services and infrastructure are already in place; designing mixed use communities and reducing sprawl so that residents can live, work and play within their own neighborhoods; creating more density at transit nodes.
- Land Use Strategy 3-B Encourage quality infill development that is consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood; that offers opportunities for increased density and more amenities; and that broadens the variety of compatible uses.
- Land Use Strategy 4-A Encourage mixed-use, transit-oriented development that makes effective use of existing transportation infrastructure, supports transit stations, increases transit patronage, reduces impact on the environment, and encourages vibrant urban centers and neighborhoods.

- Mobility Strategy 3-B Promote transit-oriented development (TOD) as an urban design framework for urban centers and development areas. Development at transit stations should provide both higher ridership to the transit system and viability and walkability in the area.
- Mobility Strategy 4-E Continue to promote mixed-use development, which enables people to live near work, retail and services.

The proposed map amendment will enable the continued operation of the mixed-use development at the Alameda transit station where services and infrastructure are already in place. The C-MX-16 zone district will allow high-intensity development immediately adjacent to a transit station served by light rail and bus. The rezoning is consistent with these plan recommendations.

#### **Blueprint Denver**

According to the 2002 Plan Map adopted in Blueprint Denver, this site has a concept land use of Rightof-way and is located in an Area of Change.

#### **Future Land Use**

The Right-of-way land use designation is not defined in Blueprint Denver and no plan direction is provided. However, the plan says "the boundaries of the building blocks are not fixed – some areas are in a state of transition" (p. 38). Because this area is no longer part of the rail right-of-way it should be included in the adjacent Transit Oriented Development future land use designation. The plan direction for the Transit Oriented Development future land use includes "a balanced mix of uses (residential, retail, office, entertainment, public facilities, and others); compact mid- to high-density development" (p. 44). The C-MX-16 zone district will allow the continued use of the existing mid-density mixed-use development, and any future redevelopment would be of a similar nature, in conformance with the plan direction.

#### Area of Change / Area of Stability

As noted, the site is in an Area of Change. In general, "The goal for Areas of Change is to channel growth where it will be beneficial and can best improve access to jobs, housing and services with fewer and shorter auto trips" (p. 127). The rezoning application is consistent with the Blueprint Denver Area of Change recommendations. The property has already been redeveloped from industrial to mixed-use, providing housing, jobs, and services at the transit station. The proposed rezoning will reflect this change.

#### **Street Classifications**

Blueprint Denver classifies Cherokee Street as an Undesignated Local Street, which Blueprint Denver says is "influenced less by traffic volumes and tailored more to providing local access. Mobility on local streets is typically incidental and involves relatively short trips at lower speeds to and from other streets." The proposed zoning is justified by the proximity to the Alameda transit station instead of the street classification. In addition, Cherokee Street and Dakota Avenue serve as connections to Alameda Avenue and Broadway, both of which are Mixed-Use Arterials, emphasizing mobility and a variety of travel choices.

In summary, the proposed map amendment to C-MX-16 will enable growth in an area that Blueprint Denver identifies as appropriate for change and mixed-use around the transit station.

#### **Baker Neighborhood Plan**

The Baker Neighborhood Plan was adopted by City Council in 2003, and applies to the subject property. The plan includes framework recommendations that apply throughout the planning area and specific recommendations that apply in smaller subareas.

Among the framework goals, the Baker Neighborhood Plan recommends "encouraging a mixture of uses that assure the availability of neighborhood services and amenities that reinforce the role, identity, and needs of the neighborhood, as appropriate to the subarea" (p. 25) and continuing "Denver's physical character, including mixed-use development, parks and parkways, tree-lined streets, detached sidewalks, interconnected street networks, and convenient access to parks, open space, and transit" (p. 26). The proposed C-MX-16 zone district would allow the existing uses on the property to continue, maintaining the neighborhood's mix of uses in a form appropriate for a location adjacent to transit.

The subject property is in the Transit-Oriented Development subarea. For this subarea, the plan calls for "high-density housing, a mixture of neighborhood and destination retail, an office and employment center that is served by light rail, strong bicycle and pedestrian connections, and adequate parking" (p. 66) and "mixed uses, including a mix of housing, commercial uses, neighborhood centers, shared parking opportunities, and the integration of different land uses within the subarea and within buildings" (p. 67). The plan also recommends building heights of four to 12 stories. The proposed C-MX-16 zoning would allow a high-intensity mix of uses, consistent with the plan recommendations. While the 16 stories allowed in the zone district exceed the recommended height of 12 stories, more recently adopted plans provide better building height guidance that supersedes this recommendation (see below). Further, development on the site is limited to a maximum height of about 160 feet by the Washington Park View Plane.

#### **Alameda Station Area Plan**

The Alameda Station Area Plan was adopted in 2009 and applies to the subject property. It states "the Alameda Station Area Plan provides specific recommendations for the planning area that, in case of conflict, supersede general recommendations from existing plans" (p. 52).

The plan includes a Land Use Concept map, which identifies the desired predominant land uses in the station area. The map does not include parcel lines, so it is difficult to determine the exact designation for the subject property, but it appears to include two land uses: Office/Employment and Open Space/Plaza. The recommendations for Office/Employment include to "increase the amount of offices in the station area to create an employment center and diversify business types" and that "directly at the Alameda Station platform is also a location for office uses" (p. 12). The plan also recommends five to 14 story buildings.

The Open Space/Plaza recommendations include "a gathering place for transit riders that provides information about the public transportation system" and that "the specific design and placement of open space is part of a detailed evaluation process" (p. 14). A plaza and open space corridor and trail have already been constructed at the Alameda Station platform and along the western edge of this site under the Alameda Station Plaza Site Development Plan. These open spaces meet the plan goals, so the subject property should be evaluated against the Office/Employment recommendations. The proposed C-MX-16 zone district allows a mix of uses, including office and retail, as recommended by the plan. Again, the allowed height exceeds the plan recommendation of 14 stories, but as mentioned above, development on the site is limited to a height of approximately 160 feet by a view plane. The proposed

C-MX-16 zone district is consistent with the recommendations of the Alameda Station Area Plan and the other relevant plans for the property.

#### Denver Design District General Development Plan (GDP)

The site is located within Sub-area 2 of the Denver Design District GDP. The GDP was developed in conjunction with the Alameda Station Area Plan and is generally consistent with the land use and infrastructure recommendations of the plan. Sub-area 2 calls for a mixed-use node in the station area capitalizing on proximity to the station with high-intensity office space, residential uses, and retail. The proposed rezoning will allow these uses and intensities, so it is consistent with the GDP.

#### 2. Uniformity of District Regulations and Restrictions

The proposed rezoning to C-MX-16 will result in the uniform application of zone district building form, use and design regulations.

#### 3. Public Health, Safety and General Welfare

The proposed official map amendment furthers the public health, safety, and general welfare of the City primarily through implementation of the city's adopted land use plan. By aligning the zoning with the existing development, the C-MX-16 zone district would allow easier continued use of the existing structure, which would likely encourage further investment in the maintenance and upkeep of the building, advancing the health, safety, and welfare of the building's owners and occupants and the surrounding community.

#### 4. Justifying Circumstance

The rezoning is justified under DZC Section 12.4.10.8.A.4, "The land or its surrounding environs has changed or is changing to such a degree that it is in the public interest to encourage a redevelopment of the area or to recognize the changed character of the area." The property has redeveloped, from part of a rail yard to a mixed-use building. The existing zoning is no longer appropriate for the site, and it is in the public interest to match the zoning on the subject site to the zoning for the rest of the property, recognizing the changed character.

# 5. Consistency with Neighborhood Context Description, Zone District Purpose and Intent Statements

The requested C-MX-16 zone district is within the Urban Center Neighborhood Context. The neighborhood context generally consists of multi-unit residential and mixed-use commercial strips and commercial centers (DZC, Division 7.1). The property has already redeveloped in a form consistent with the Urban Center context, and any future redevelopment would also be consistent. The proposed rezoning to C-MX-16 is consistent with the neighborhood context description.

According to the zone district intent stated in the Denver Zoning Code, the C-MX-16 district "applies to areas or intersections served primarily by major arterial streets where a building scale of 3 to 16 stories is desired" (DZC Section 7.2.2.2.E). The street adjacent to this site a local street, but the property is immediately adjacent to a transit station served by light rail and bus. It is also a few blocks from two major arterial streets: Broadway and Alameda Avenue. Given the proximity to transit and major arterials, the proposed rezoning will achieve the intent of the C-MX-16 zone district.

Real Property Records Date last updated: Wednesday, May 3, 2017

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	PROPERTY	INFORMATIO	N				
Property Type	Parcel: 0515304007000						
Na	me and Address Information		Legal Description				
DENVER PROPERT	DENVER PROPERTIES I LLC			T4S R68W PT NW/4 SEC 15 DAF COM NW COR SEC 15 TH SE			
595 S BROADWAY	200	Ν	1318.69FT TO POB TH S 445.78FT NW 45.17FT NE 2.97FT NW 31.51FT SW 14.8FT C/R 61.16FT *				
DENVER, CO 8020	9-4077						
Property Address:	395 S CHEROKEE ST	Ta	ax District	305D			
Assessment Informat	ion						
	Actual	Assessed		Exempt	Taxable		
Current Year							
Land	7520000	557840					
Improvements	54607800	3947960					
Total	62127800	4505800		0	4505800		
Prior Year							
Land	4073300	332790					
Improvements	48924000	3912740					
Total	52997300	4245530		0	4245530		
	Reception No.: 2014046009						
Year	Recording Date: 04/23/14						
Building Sqr. Foot: 713		Document Type: BS					
Bed	Sale Price:						
Baths Full/Half: 0/0		Mill Levy: 96.547					
Basement/Fin	nished: 0/0						
Lot Size: 125,333		Click here for zoning	r current				

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Zoning Used for Valuation: CMX

Note: Valuation zoning maybe different from City's new zoning code.

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