Good Morning,

Please find my comments below regarding Urban Peak's rezoning application for 1630 S. Acoma Street, which is set for hearing this evening.

Best,

Jason Kuczek 720-244-1890

Denver Councilman Jolon Clark & City Council,

As a resident of the City and County of Denver, and an active community member, I want to voice my support for Urban Peak's proposed rezoning of their property at 1630 South Acoma Street.

The proposed rezoning is an important step in Urban Peak's plan to re-imaging and rebuild their shelter into a more comprehensive support center for our City's most vulnerable youth who are experiencing homelessness. The contemplated support services, housing, and related programming is critical to increase successful outcomes for the youth Urban Peak serves.

The rezoning is also in alignment with Denver's guiding principles for more densely developed mixed-use environment among Denver's major transportation corridors such as South Broadway.

## I urge you and City Council to approve Urban Peak's rezoning application for 1630 S. Acoma Street.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Platt Park and I am writing to support Urban Peak's proposal to rezone their current site at 1630 South Acoma Street. Urban Peak does extraordinary work for kids who really need support.

This proposed rezoning would allow them to greatly improve the work Urban Peak does in that location by adding transitional apartment spaces and spaces for case workers and other support staff. This would increase their effectiveness by having staff on site to aid their clientele when issues arise. I am in the process of becoming a school counselor after teaching in high-need schools for nine years, and I think the resources Urban Peak offers to their clients are extraordinary. These are children and young adults whom much of society looks down upon. These are children and young adults who have largely been forgotten, if not actively abused and neglected in their pasts. Urban Peak refuses to give up on them, and provides incredible services to help them turn their lives around. This strengthens our neighborhood and our city longterm, as it reduces the number of services these children will need as they become adults, and it increases the likelihood that they will be healthy and productive members of society.

This would also allow Urban Peak to provide recreational space for their clients, which would increase the likelihood that more of their clients would stay on site in their free time; this benefits the nearby neighborhoods as it gives these youth a safe space for recreation with resources on hand as needed, and makes it less likely that they would pursue recreation opportunities in Platt Park and the nearby residential areas. This benefits public health and safety for both Urban Peak clients and neighborhood residents.

This rezoning is consistent with the many transitions currently occurring along south Broadway with all of the residential development that has recently been built or is currently in process. Changing from industrial use to residential use is necessary as Denver continues to grow.

I understand that valid reasons to oppose this rezoning exist; I believe the reasons to approve it are more compelling.

Thank you,

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To Denver City Council Members-

As a former Board member at Urban Peak, I am writing to indicate my strong support for the proposed rezoning of the property at 1630 South Acoma Street.

This rezoning is a critical step in Urban Peak's plan to consolidate its operations to better serve our City's most vulnerable youth who are encountering homelessness. As you know, it would allow Urban Peak to rebuild its shelter at this location; add some apartments here to provide supportive housing for better outcomes; and move its administrative and operations staff to this location for improved coordination, case management, support services and oversight.

I believe this rezoning matches up with Denver's plans for more dense, mixed-use development near major transportation corridors such as South Broadway. The many transportation options available to Urban Peak's youth will support their transition into the workforce, obviously one essential key to the successful outcomes for which all of us fervently wish.

Lastly, it seems to me that this mix of emergency shelter, affordable housing, supportive services and office space is quite consistent with the varied development along and around this corridor. The current single-use industrial zoning is quite dated.

Urban Peak is an incredible asset to Denver, tackling some of our community's toughest work. I was pleased to serve on the organization's governing board for a number of years. My wife and I remain active, dedicated financial supporters. This rezoning is critical to the organization's long-term mission and work. I urge your approval and appreciate your consideration.

Thank you.

-Eric

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