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MS. ALICE MITINGER, CHAIR
CITY OF PITTSBURGH
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
200 ROSS STREET
PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TREK DEVELOPMENT GROUP
ZONE CASE #216 OF 2015**

DEAR MS. MITINGER:

OUR COMMUNITY PLAN ESTABLISHED THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE GARDEN THEATER BLOCK AS A PRIORITY FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WITH SUCH A SIGNIFICANT PROJECT, COMMUNITY INPUT IS PARAMOUNT AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT TREK DEVELOPMENT AND Q DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN GOOD COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN THIS REGARD. THEIR DEVELOPMENT TEAM HAS ATTENDED AND INCORPORATED FEEDBACK FROM THREE OF OUR COMMUNITY MEETINGS THIS PAST YEAR, IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH NUMEROUS OTHER PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS. THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF OUR ORGANIZATION VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY TO SUPPORT TREK DEVELOPMENT'S REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED VARIANCES.

AS YOU ARE LIKELY AWARE, NONE OF THE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THESE PROPERTIES OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES HAVE COME TO FRUITION. WHILE THE SPECIFICS OF EACH CIRCUMSTANCE ARE DIFFERENT, THE UNDERLYING THEME IS THAT NONE OF THEM WERE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE GIVEN THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE EXISTING BUILDINGS BE RE-USED. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED MASSING AND DENSITY OF THE PROPOSED NEW BUILDING IS APPROPRIATE, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH TREK DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE DESIGN PROCESS.

WHILE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAS SEEN SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT AND REVITALIZATION IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS, THIS PARTICULAR BLOCK HAS REMAINED CONSPICUOUS IN ITS DETERIORATED CONDITION. THE TIME TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS NOW, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE CONDITION OF THE REMAINING BUILDINGS ON THE BLOCK.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS LETTER OF SUPPORT, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME.

SINCERELY,

ANDREW WICKESBERG
PRESIDENT

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