



January 29, 2014

Tulsa City Council
175 E 2nd St
Tulsa, OK 74103

Re: Amendments to the 6th Street Infill Plan

Honorable Chairwoman and Councilors:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed amendments to the 6th Street Infill Plan submitted by the Pearl District Business Association. After nearly two years and numerous public meetings, these amendments represent a compromise that preserves the diverse history of the area – a history which has supported a broad mix of land uses – and provides a bright future for current and future residents and business owners.

As an area just minutes from Tulsa's downtown, the Pearl District is no doubt prime for continued revitalization. Businesses such as the Indian Health Care Resource Center have served as valuable partners in redevelopment efforts to-date, assisting in the beautification of the area and bringing valuable services to residents and visitors. Numerous other businesses have spent decades making their home in the Pearl and contributing to Tulsa's economic success. The adoption of a land use plan that recognizes the role these businesses play in the area will allow this success to continue, further bolstering new areas of revitalization.

In specific, the Tulsa Regional Chamber supports the following proposed amendments to the 6th Street Infill Plan/Comprehensive Plan:

- Reconcile boundary and title inconsistencies between subarea maps and the primary land use map
- Map all industrial zoned properties as Manufacturing Warehousing
- Amend the map to exclude all properties south of the centerline of 11th Street, and east of the centerline of Utica Avenue
- Amend plan language regarding street closures
- Amend the map to include Utica and Peoria Avenue, and 11th Street from Utica to Troost, as Auto-Oriented Commercial
- Maintain current map designation of 11th Street from Troost to Peoria as Mixed Use Infill
- Amend plan language relating to parking requirements
- Amend the map to expand the Residential Revitalization subarea



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We thank you for your time and your efforts to ensure one of Tulsa's up-and-coming areas continues to grow. We strongly believe that the businesses of the Pearl District are committed to expanding the economic vitality of the area and to implementing a plan which will lead to yet another vibrant downtown neighborhood.

Sincerely,



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