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Good morning,

I am writing to express my full support for case #: [CD-CPC-2023-00173](#), the proposed rezoning of the single-family lots into a 16-unit apartment complex at 4511-4521 Summit St. As a resident of the Plaza area, I believe that this development will enhance, rather than detract from the character and livability of the neighborhood.

The presence of multifamily housing complexes like The Dorset next door and the Brentwood across the street demonstrates that the proposed rezoning is in line with the existing context of the neighborhood. Denser housing options can foster a stronger sense of community and contribute to a more vibrant and desirable neighborhood. The Plaza needs more people and I urge you to consider the broader benefits of this rezoning proposal. This project will not only replace a vacant, overgrown lot but also add more residents who can support local businesses/cultural amenities and contribute to a stronger sense of community.

Additionally, increasing residential density does not necessarily equate to a decline in neighborhood environment or property values. In fact, over the past year and a half, my fiancé and I put in bids in on condos on Washington St and the house on 4428 Summit St. We sought out this area specifically, drawn to the vibrant energy and exciting developments occurring in the neighborhood. However, we unfortunately lost out on these homes due to the high demand and prices that have risen dramatically in recent years. While we were disappointed, we ultimately found a wonderful house in the West Plaza and quickly realized why so many people are drawn to live here. It's evident that our neighborhood is thriving and it is exciting to see more projects, like this one proposed, coming to the area. Therefore, I firmly believe that the proposed rezoning to accommodate more housing units is a positive step forward for our community. Please do not let unfounded concerns stand in the way of progress and sustainable development in our neighborhood.

Thank you for considering my perspective,

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