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Lakewood, CO

Working Together to ENERGIZE Historic West Colfax

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Dear City of Lakewood:

I am writing on behalf of the Lakewood-West Colfax Business Improvement District to express support for the approval of RESOLUTION 2021-41—the blight designation for the properties located at 801, 825, 865 Sheridan Boulevard and 5200, 5202, 5240, and 5242 9th Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado. Doing so, will allow for the private investment to fund the much-needed improvement to these clearly blighted properties.

The Lakewood-West Colfax Business Improvement District was formed by petition and special election by commercial property owners and local business tenants in November of 2011. Its mission is to work collaboratively with its community partners, including West Colfax Community Association and 40 West Arts District, to energize Lakewood's historic West Colfax corridor by advocating for economic development and capital investment and by supporting programs and organizations that elevate awareness and appreciation of local West Colfax businesses and neighborhoods.

We support the approval of this blight designation, and the applicant's vision for the redevelopment of these properties. The approval of RESOLUTION 2021-41 would allow the applicant to address the multiple conditions of blight and fund the needed infrastructure on the properties. This will result in improving the appeal and image of the neighborhood and surrounding area. In addition, the project will bring new investment to the area, create jobs during the construction process, and bolster economic activity in this corridor. We have met with a member of applicant's team and welcome their community centric approach. We applaud their desire to bring a variety of much-needed affordable, workforce housing opportunities to this area, located near various transportation options, including RTD's W-Line light station on Sheridan Blvd. approximately one block from the site.

For these reasons, we urge you to support this resolution. Please help us take advantage of this opportunity and vote to allow this investment in our community by approving this blight designation. Thank you for your consideration.

Kindest regards

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Kevin Kazuhiro Yoshida
Board President
40 West Arts Board Member

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William P. Marino
Executive Director
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40 West Arts – Board Chair

cc: Boards of Directors of 40 West Arts & Lakewood-W. Colfax BID