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Subject: Re: 8.22.18 Transportation Commission meeting

To whom it may concern on the Transportation Commission:

My name is Nick Martin. I am the owner of Ian's Pizza on State Street. I would like to express my support for the proposed hotel project on the 100 block of State Street. It is a project sorely needed to help activate the block and fill a dark and vacant void on the 100 block of State Street as well as N Carroll Street.

However, while I look forward to seeing new life on our block, I do have one large concern for the impact on my own business - and that is the parking situation and the ability to continue to operate our delivery business out of our back door on N Carroll St. Particularly, eliminating the metered spots on our block will be an operational concern as we currently utilize them every day. 40% of our business goes out that back door and into cars that we stage/park on N Carroll Street. We currently pay for our delivery employees to park in the metered spots should they need more than 10 minutes to get in and out of the store. Not having this flexibility, or having to park much farther away, poses a large challenge for our operations. I have been in touch with Ascendant Holding as they work on their development plan. I also attended the Transportation Commission meeting on August 8th and was able to get up to speed on the most recent rendition of that plan. With the goal of having a much needed neighbor on our block, we have supported the removal of these metered spots. I have spoken with Ascendant Holdings as well as the hotel operators and have been assured that we will be able to work together to utilize the area successfully for both our businesses. This is a bit of a leap of faith for us and we hope for the best - because while this is a risk to our operations, the greater need is finding improvements to the issues of vacancy and activation on the top of State.

With this in mind I write to you with one specific request. It would be a great value to us to see the proposed ADA parking spot on the Southwest side of Carroll Street be converted to a standard loading zone spot (making the loading zone 4 spots long, instead of 3). With the intention of moving the current ADA spot to the Northeast side of the road, no ADA spots would be lost. And with the extra loading zone spot on our side of the street, there is slightly less apprehension in losing the metered spots that we currently utilize. The hotel and Ian's Pizza could effectively share part of the loading zone without feeling like we are parking in the hotel's valet area (something I don't want to see our cars doing). While this certainly does not solve our parking issues completely, it would be a small improvement that would help mitigate the greater loss of the metered spots.

Thanks for listening and I am available for any conversations or questions you may have.
I appreciate your time,
Nick Martin