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Members of the Plan Commission,

I **strongly support** you granting the demolition permit sought by CUNA Mutual.

CUNA Mutual Group has reached out to the neighborhood in a determined and forceful manner, continuing a long record of engaging the immediate neighborhood in the changes they envision to their corporate campus. They graciously hosted an open house to show the impressive results of a 4 building year process, then updating us on their path forward. They have gone far beyond mere communication with their neighbors, demonstrating their commitment to embrace shared values for sustainability and the thoughtful implementation of new technology that serves their employees, clients and the greater community.

I first worked with CMG in 1995 when they demolished a gas station and preserved a historic farmhouse, now the [Homestead Shoppes](#) at the opposite end of their property. After hosting several meetings and responding to concerns of neighbors, they produced the quality project as presented, keeping all of their promises. While a new generation of staff and leaders has succeeded the team I worked with, I find that the corporate values that produced that successful project remain intact if not stronger.

CMG has repeatedly proven themselves to be one of the best corporate citizens in this region, building a stronger community through their support of people faced with extraordinary challenges. While the deep reach of their corporate philanthropy lies outside the standards you must grapple with when approving a demolition permit, this organization continually demonstrates their desire to make a difference and engage our community, qualities that are important to meeting the spirit of the standards.

**Please approve CUNA Mutual's demolition permit.**

Thanks for listening.

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*"Architecture is something profound.  
It is something in the human spirit and the human soul, and it requires poetry."  
-Frank Lloyd Wright*