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RE: 333 S Westfield Road Redevelopment

Greetings Madison plan commission members:

Please consider this letter my official statement of support for the proposed re-development of the Old National Bank site at 333 S Westfield in Madison, WI. I am the alder for District 9 where this project is located. The existing bank branch located at this site is functionally obsolescent and in need of re-development.

The developer of this project; Galway Companies is proposing a new retail/restaurant center with up to 3 tenants including a new Old National Bank. Based on the developers track record in the City of Madison and other surrounding communities I expect the other tenants to be vibrant retailers or restaurants that will support the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses. In addition; the developer has committed to using environmentally conscious materials and building designs which are consistent with the comprehensive plan and the developer's vision.

It is my understanding that there is a comprehensive plan that encourages multi story buildings in this corridor. This subject site has challenges that make developing a multi-story building here difficult. Challenges include the small site size as well as numerous easements that run through the parcel. The developer has made a good faith effort to meet the intent of the comprehensive plan by developing a 2nd floor mezzanine above the main end cap that sits on the corner. This second-floor mezzanine includes an attractive storefront and could be utilized by some future development.

As the alder for this district, I strongly request that you approve this project so that we can see it come to fruition. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding my position on this project, or development in this area in general.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Skidmore".

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