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I am in favor of approval. As a co-founder of the Westside Community Market and a longtime Board member and volunteer at the Market, I have participated in discussions with Smith Gilbane on the return of the Market to the Central Green in Block 6 of the “Madison Yards” development and have previously testified in favor at meetings of the Plan Commission.

As a resident of Hill Farms for over 35 years, I have long experience with the property, having spent many hours helping to run the Westside Community Market on the site from 2005 to 2016. I believe the development will be an asset to the neighborhood. The current status of the property is a liability, and I fear that further delay of this project will result in that status remaining as such for a long time, given current economic conditions.

As an professional planner with Masters and PhD degrees in City and Regional Planning, I look forward to the development contributing to urban infill and serving as a valuable addition to the Hilldale shopping experience as well as a hub for the mid-westside. While I recognize that some have attached hope for the development to solve the area’s needs for alternate transportation and sustainability, any specific plans for such today regarding this site are akin to spitting into a high wind in light of pandemic circumstances.

I urge your approval for this phase of the development.

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