

Good afternoon Team,

Please note the following letter of support from our neighbors at 721 North Grand. We would like this included in our file, please.

Peter

----- Forwarded message from [jgh@usfamily.net](mailto:jgh@usfamily.net) -----

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Good morning Peter,

Jeff and I just want you to know that we are in support of your client's apartment proposal at 715 N Country Club.

I was only able to attend one neighborhood meeting (Feb. 11, 2017). I sat there, listened, and was amazed at the amount of patience you and your client showed in answering neighbor's questions. You treated them with the utmost of respect while responding to their concerns. Understandably, people hear the word "apartments" and their immediate response is "not in my neighborhood". They have witnessed what happens to some areas that have gotten apartments. Things like garbage, noise, unsightly buildings, lack of maintenance and unkempt landscaping are real issues and you and your client have addressed those (and much more) going beyond what was required.

This property is currently zoned appropriately for apartments. Speaking as neighbors, although not directly adjacent to said site, we feel privileged to have a developer that truly cares about his project and how it will affect the surrounding area. It is going to be built with quality materials, nice landscaping and will attract people who appreciate such amenities. On top of the screening done by the management company he will personally screen the applicants. He's offered to give his cell phone number to all the neighbors so that if they have a concern they can call him directly. This is a big investment and it appears that he's wanting to build and maintain it for years to come. We're not sure what more neighbors could legitimately ask for!

We think it would behoove the city and the DR to approve your amended proposal. You and your client listened to the concerns of the neighbors and the end result is tasteful, well thought out, and if approved, will be a nice addition to our part of town.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Gloria Hilts