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To: Members of the Lincoln Lancaster Planning Commission

From: Ann Bleed, President of the East Campus Community Organization

Re: Change of Zone No. 11047, from I-1 Industrial District to R-4 Residential District, on property generally located at N. 33rd Street and Apple Street

4.2b Special Permit No. 04023A, an amendment to the Flat Iron Crossing Community Unit Plan

4.2c Special Permit No. 11033, for a “Neighborhood Support Services” building

The East Campus Community Organization (ECCO) enthusiastically supports approving this change of zone and the related special permits.

We believe this development will be a great redevelopment of an industrial area that is no longer in keeping with the surrounding residential land uses that ECCO seeks to promote.

This development is not in ECCO, but is just across the street from our neighborhood and in many ways is really a part of our neighborhood. We are excited about the development of a diversity of affordable housing in this area. We believe such development is much more in keeping with the surrounding land uses than is the maintenance of this land for industrial uses.

We also are excited about the prospect of having a community facility which will house the Neighborhood Support Services operated by City Impact in the redesigned Kamterter Products Building. Providing a gymnasium, classes, and meeting rooms adjacent to Peter Pan Park and the MoPac Trail is not only more compatible with the existing recreational facilities, but will be a tremendous community building asset for ECCO, the Hartley, and Clinton Neighborhoods.

ECCO, does however, have one request. Admittedly the request is not subject of the current agenda items, but is directly related to these items. We would like to see a pedestrian crossing light where the MoPac Trail crosses 33rd Street. This trail

is already used by many pedestrians and bicyclists, including both University and school children on their way to Peter Pan Park or the downtown campus. There is no pedestrian light where the trail crosses 33rd Street, which is a very busy arterial street. This intersection is already is already dangerous. The attraction of the Flat Iron Crossing Project, especially for children, will no doubt increase the traffic and the danger of this busy intersection. The installation of a traffic light would improve the safety of the trail and also of the users of the Flat Iron Crossing Neighborhood Services.

In summary ECCO enthusiastically supports the Flat Iron Crossing Project and strongly encourages the Planning Commission to approve these applications.

Thank you for your time.

Ann Bleed