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FROM: Councilwoman Vicki Welch

DATE: December 4, 2018

RE: **Statement Opposing** - AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY AND C-1 COMMERCIAL TO CM COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING AND CHANGING THE FORM DISTRICT FROM REGIONAL CENTER TO SUBURBAN WORKPLACE ON 19.23 ACRES AND CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-4 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO C-1 COMMERCIAL ON 0.18 ACRES ON PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 6008, 6108, AND 6110 NEW CUT ROAD AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 18ZONE1037)

In November 2006, I worked with residents and planning staff to develop and adopt the Fairdale Neighborhood Plan. The Plan is a tool used to guide development based on what is best for this scenic and recreational community with Fairdale residents' input. At that time, we made strong recommendations that no more warehouses be allowed within the boundaries of the Fairdale Neighborhood Plan, but they kept coming. Like the one proposed today, slightly outside the boundaries but still negatively affecting the constituents in that area and all around it into Auburndale.

In October of 2018, we updated the Fairdale Neighborhood Plan with the Fairdale Village Plan, a more comprehensive plan to find ways to encourage economic development, specifically restaurants and retail, to enhance our Gateway to the Forest. We have a brand-new Fairdale Village Greenspace Plan funded & being implemented for holding concerts and events, The Dave Armstrong Improvement Project at \$6.5 million includes a signature entrance to the Tom Wallace Lake area with children's nature play area and so much more.

During all the meetings on these plans we held with residents, I heard repeatedly, "we do not want any more warehouse." To make that point further, we had over 300 people sign a petition objecting to this New Cut Road development proposed today. My people have had ENOUGH! We understand the warehouses are/were needed due to the airport expansion making them easily accessible to expanding



businesses. However, we now have an onslaught of vacant and abandoned warehouses that remain empty as more and more developers attempt to build more and more warehouses.....it's Ridiculous! There is a two-year-old development just south of the proposed development that is still vacant after two years. National Turnpike had a warehouse built there over a year ago, still vacant. The people of District 13 have had enough, they want restaurants, local retail, senior housing, Patio Homes. They want businesses that will fit with the beautiful scenic area of our urban forest, not empty warehouses.

I am highly opposed to this development, as District 13, in particular, has been dumped on enough. Let me be clear, the residents of District 13 DO NOT WANT ANY MORE WAREHOUSES. I ask my colleagues for their support. Thank you, Councilwoman Vicki Aubrey Welch