

Board of Zoning Adjustment
514 West Liberty Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Dear: Board of Zoning Adjustment

I am writing to express my support of the West Louisville FoodPort and the requested variances/waivers regarding where on the property the buildings are built. I am a member of the West Louisville FoodPort Community Council, which consists of more than 60 members. The Community Council plays three key roles in the planning and execution of this project: to ensure that the FoodPort is sustainably connected to the surrounding neighborhoods, to define the specific community goals of the project and to help the overall project be accountable for achieving those goals.

The requested waiver, which will allow the West Louisville FoodPort buildings to be setback from the street, is important to the west end community. The Community Council has spent more than 10 months working with the developer, architects and our neighbors to ensure that this project serves the community as well as sparks economic development. A big part of its connection to the community is in how it is designed. Seed Capital Kentucky has gathered ideas, input and feedback from the Council as well as a large group of neighbors who have clearly said, "We want a beautiful, useful space that creates jobs and provides places for community to come together." The FoodPort needs this setback variance to make space for community gathering spaces, community-serving farmers' markets, recreational space for children in our community, and beautiful landscaping.

I'm personally serving on the West Louisville FoodPort Community Council because I believe that this project will help Louisville support a vibrant west end, with increased employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, and enhanced opportunities for building community and relationships. Supporting west end communities in this way will enable an increase in the overall health of metro Louisville, by making available healthier food options for local residents and by providing a platform to support/grow the local food economy.

I am pleased to support the Seed Capital KY's request for a setback variance that will allow them to honor what the community has requested.

Sincerely,

Eddie Vetter

September 17, 2015

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Dear members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment

I am writing to express my hope that BOZA will approve the West Louisville FoodPort's request for variances/waivers regarding where on the property the buildings are built. I am an interested party with several years of active voluntary advocacy for better, affordable food for people of West Louisville through the Food in Neighborhoods Coalition. Because of a lifelong interest in West Louisville and its underserved folks, I've also served on the Louisville Metro Housing Authority Board, several of Leadership Louisville's community interest groups, 15Thousand Farmers and the Junior League of Louisville's Urban Garden initiative.

I am also one of 60 members of the West Louisville FoodPort Community Council and serve on the Community Benefits Agreement Committee. The Community Council plays three key roles in the planning and execution of this project: to ensure that the FoodPort is sustainably connected to the surrounding neighborhoods, to define the specific community goals of the project and to help hold the overall project be accountable for achieving those goals.

The requested waiver, which will allow the West Louisville FoodPort buildings to be setback from the street so that neighbors feel welcome to use the open edges for community/neighborhood events. The Community Council has spent more than 10 months working with the developer, architects and our neighbors to ensure that this project serves the community as well as sparks economic development. A big part of its connection to community is in how it is designed. Seed Capital Kentucky has gathered ideas, input and feedback from the Council as well as a large group of neighbors who have clearly said, "We want a beautiful, useful space that creates jobs and provides places for community to come together."

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Sincerely,

Cindy

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Brown, Christopher

From: Frenchsrmt@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 5:55 PM
To: Brown, Christopher
Cc: jenniejean@bettertogetherstrategies.com
Subject: Food Port

Dear Mr. Brown,

I am writing to express my support of the West Louisville Food Port. All West Louisville Neighborhoods are in need of some type of economic stimulus. This area has been long neglected. I live in Shawnee and our residents need some new business landscape. We have too many liquor stores and fast food outlets. Food Port would promote fresh healthy food and how to grow it. This new development needs to be set back off the street. That would allow for a inviting opening to the businesses within. Please don't allow those opposed to stop the progress. We are tired of this large open field.

I am a member of the Shawnee Neighborhood Association and it is one of our purposes to attract and support positive development in our neighborhood.

I have lived in this community for over 50 years. Many of our residents are like me, senior citizens. Young people with jobs look at our area and decide to go to other areas of our city where they see positive development and no vacant and abandoned lots and houses.

I think Food Port would jump start positive development in this area. **We need it!**

Thank you,
Mary Ruth French

Brown, Christopher

From: Chad Rehnberg <chad.rehnberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:12 AM
To: Brown, Christopher
Cc: Jennie Jean Davidson
Subject: Food Port

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Dear: Board of Zoning Adjustment

I am writing to express my support of the West Louisville FoodPort and the requested variances/waivers regarding where on the property the buildings are built. I am a resident the Shawnee neighborhood in west Louisville and have been so for 9 years. I am also a member of the West Louisville FoodPort Community Council. The Community Council consists of more than 60 members. The Community Council plays three key roles in the planning and execution of this project: to ensure that the FoodPort is sustainably connected to the surrounding neighborhoods, to define the specific community goals of the project and to help the overall project be accountable for achieving those goals.

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I am very excited about this investment in our neighborhood both for my family and for our neighbors. I imagine the day where not only this 24 acre vacant lot but where much of West Louisville is restored to what it use to be like. Thank you so much for all of your help in this. We really are better together.

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Sincerely,

Name

Brown, Christopher

From: Caroline Heine <carolineheine@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Brown, Christopher
Subject: Fwd: Food Port endorsement

Chris,
Here is another letter of support.
Is there still time for you to include this in your report?
Thanks
Caroline

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <WATROUSOFFICE@aol.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 18, 2015 at 10:44 AM
Subject: Food Port endorsement
To: caroline@seedcapitalky.org
Cc: jenniejean@bettertogetherstrategies.com, watrousoffice@aol.com

Dear Food Port representatives,

Please have this letter read into the minutes of the Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing.

As an Architect and long time homeowner in the Portland Neighborhood, I endorse the Food Port project, and request that a waiver for setbacks be granted.

Some people may be concerned about this setback variance, since usually those just make space for giant parking lots! But the Food Port site plan does not include street-facing parking lots. The street sides of the site are designed for community gathering spaces, farmers markets, landscaping, etc.

This project is good for the Portland and Shawnee neighborhoods and western Louisville in general.

Best wishes,
Gary

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Caroline Heine

Brown, Christopher

From: Valerie Magnuson <valerie@louisvillegrows.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 11:24 AM
To: Brown, Christopher
Cc: Jennie Jean Davidson
Subject: Letter of Support for Seed Capital of KY Food Port

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Dear: Board of Zoning Adjustment

I am writing to express my support of the West Louisville FoodPort and the requested variances/waivers regarding where on the property the buildings are built. I am the Director of Louisville Grows in the Portland neighborhood in west Louisville and have been so for 3 years. I am also a member of the West Louisville FoodPort Community Council. The Community Council consists of more than 60 members. The Community Council plays three key roles in the planning and execution of this project: to ensure that the FoodPort is sustainably connected to the surrounding neighborhoods, to define the specific community goals of the project and to help the overall project be accountable for achieving those goals.

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Sincerely,

Valerie Magnuson
Executive Director for Louisville Grows
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Brown, Christopher

From: Gritton, Michael <michael.gritton@kentuckianaworks.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 1:44 PM
To: Brown, Christopher
Subject: Support of Food Port Project and their request for a setback variance

Mr. Brown:

I'm a member of the Community Council that is advising Seed Capital on their Food Port project, and I write this email to stand fully in support of that overall project and of their request for a setback variance.

This project is a transformational economic development opportunity for West Louisville. The developers are working very hard to listen to community concerns, and have made significant changes to their initial plans (e.g. dropping the biodigester) after receiving strong community feedback.

The setback variance will allow the Food Port to provide spaces for Farmers Markets and other people-centered activities that will not be possible without the variance.

I fully support their request.

Sincerely

Michael

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Michael B. Gritton
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Pam Rice, MSW
Executive Director
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