

January 4, 2012

Mayor Joan McGilton
Mr. Mike Martin, City Manager
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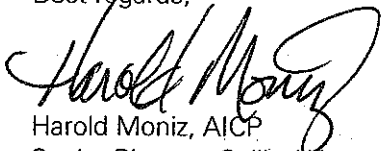
Dear Joan and Mike:

I had the opportunity to work with your Community Development staff on the Group Health Cooperative Rezone and Comprehensive Plan Amendment that was recently approved by the City Council. I had the pleasure of working with your Community Development Department team and, at the end, with your City Attorney. You should know your staff is highly capable, responsive and professional in carrying out their mission and responsibilities to accomplish City objectives and goals. I have spent over 20 years in the public sector, the last five as Planning Director, so I believe I have a pretty good perspective on government operations.

Art Pederson was our navigator though the Rezone and Comprehensive Plan process and he skillfully guided and advised our team. Art was quick to respond to all of our questions and his knowledge of the code and process was invaluable to our team. I always felt the light touch of Scott Greenberg, overseeing the process and ensuring the Planning Commission didn't stray too far from their appointed responsibilities. Craig Knutson assisted us with clear and direct communications on one of the legal issues that came up.

From all of our team who worked on the Group Health Rezone and Comprehensive Plan Amendment, we thank you for all your efforts on our behalf and we look forward to being a part of the community for another 50 years or more. We appreciate the time, attention and expertise your staff, Planning Commission and City Council brought on our behalf.

Best regards,



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