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Subject: W Stadium TC-1 zoning

Hi there,

I cannot attend tonight's meeting, but I wanted to share my thoughts on the proposed zoning changes to W Stadium. I am a resident of Ward 4, and live close to the proposed changes—at 2124 Stephen Terrace, in the Dicken neighborhood.

I am fully behind any changes that prioritize denser neighborhoods that pedestrians can more easily access, including (and especially) nearby where I live. I can theoretically walk to many of the shops and businesses on Stadium, and so could my kids, but the car-centric development makes it difficult. I think rezoning could help over the long term, as densification would lead to increased pedestrian usage of the corridor.

For example, it's less than a 1/2 mile walk to Wolverine from my house. The most direct path, however, takes you through giant parking lots—which are almost always empty. Moreover, ever since moving here 5 years ago, I've thought the the Stadium corridor is, at least in parts, a run-down eyesore that could be improved significantly by rezoning. I suppose I would argue that Taco Bell style development doesn't have much place in a growing city that has aspirations like A2Zero.

Thanks,
Eric Gilbert