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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>

Subject: cheering for SouthTown

Dear Planning Commission,

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed SouthTown development! As someone who lives very close to this project site, I would be thrilled to welcome this development in my neighborhood. For so many reasons, this project is well deserving of approval and I urge you to give it the go ahead!

As someone who is very concerned about both increasing the amount of housing in our city AND reducing our city's carbon footprint, the SouthTown proposal is very exciting to me. It could be a model for what is possible in terms of development that is environmentally sustainable. Here are some of the features I'm most excited about:

- It's all-electric, with no natural gas hookups. The more developments like this that are approved, the more it will demonstrate the feasibility of all-electric, and reduce the need to ban gas.
- It incorporates solar energy and geothermal heat
- It includes great insulation, reducing the energy demands
- It uses sustainable mass timber
- It includes a public plaza and rooftop garden
- The location is great - it is on a bus route and is within walking distance of many shops and restaurants, allowing residents to get by without owning a car.

I look forward to seeing this development proceed, and hope that it spurs more like it.

Sincerely,

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