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**Importance:** High

Dear Ms. Lopez,

It has come to my attention that my previously submitted email and letter in support of the Walden Street rezoning petition may not have been included in the packet of letters related to the petition. Can you please confirm that my letter has been included in the official files for the case and has been properly distributed to all concerned parties? I have attached a copy of my letter in case you never received it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Doug Brown

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Dear Mayor Maher, Vice Mayor Benzan, and City Councilors:

I've attached for your consideration a letter in support of the Walden/Sherman Rezoning Petition that you, as the Ordinance Committee, will be considering at your public hearing this afternoon. Though I will be unable to attend today's meeting in person, my letter makes clear my strong belief that this district needs to be rezoned in order to preserve the lower-density, residential character of the surrounding neighborhood.

The petition brought forward by Councilor Cheung calls for a new zoning designation of Residence C-1, a designation that, besides lowering the permitted density from a floor area ratio of 1.75 to 0.75, would also reduce the maximum height of potential new buildings from 45' to 35' in keeping with the opinions of both the immediate neighbors and the Planning Board as expressed during their hearing on Tuesday night.

In a memo regarding the petition, CDD has suggested that a designation of Residence C-1A might be more appropriate for this district. I disagree, primarily because even though such a designation would reduce the overall density of what could be constructed, it would not reduce the height of future development, and it is height to which both the neighbors and the members of the Planning Board have previously objected. Regardless of what specific zoning designation is ultimately selected, it must be a designation that limits the height of future projects to a scale in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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