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SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION
AND REVITALIZATION

June 17, 2024

Dear Council Members,

Springfield Preservation and Revitalization offers this letter in support of Ordinances 2024-0273 and 2024-0274. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and the neighborhood advocacy group for the Springfield community, we work with developers interested in investing in the Springfield area and facilitate community input on the development process.

Springfield Preservation and Revitalization has worked closely with the applicant, REVA Development Corporation, to encourage and promote community involvement in this rezoning process. We greatly appreciate the applicant's willingness to work with the community and ensure that community input is recognized. Specifically, we appreciate the applicant's commitment to preserving the historic character of the Armory building and to providing opportunities for artists and small businesses in Jacksonville's Urban Core.

This project will rehabilitate a significant landmark building in the City of Jacksonville and provide much needed activation in Jacksonville's Urban Core. The building's location between Downtown and Springfield makes it an important entryway into our neighborhood. The rehabilitation will provide an asset for both Downtown and Springfield.

Springfield Preservation and Revitalization appreciates the opportunity to be a part of the continued preservation, revitalization, and strategic growth of our historic neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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June 17, 2024

Dear Council Members,

Springfield Preservation and Revitalization offers this letter in support of Ordinance 2024-0356 to establish zoning exception E-24-04 at 1555 N Pearl Street. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and the neighborhood advocacy group for the Springfield community, we work with developers and businesses interested in investing in the Springfield area and facilitate community input on the development process.

Springfield Preservation and Revitalization has worked closely with the applicant on this zoning exception. We have provided technical assistance and facilitated community input. The proposal has received significant support from the community at large. The owners are a father and daughter small business with longtime ties to the Springfield community. Their restaurant concept aligns closely with the long term vision of a thriving and vibrant commercial and residential neighborhood. Springfield Preservation and Revitalization believes that this project will provide an asset for the community.

We also understand that the applicant intends to apply for a zoning variance in order to:

- Increase allowable seat count from 40 to 60 seats
- Allow outdoor seating in their patio space
- Allow the sale and service of all alcoholic beverages including liquor, beer, and wine for on-premises consumption

We offer our support for those variances as well.

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