

Exhibit B

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Public Comment on Reflections of a Community Organizer

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Being away this past month has provided me with time to reflect on what is happening back home.

First, a message to our residents. Do not lose heart because the wheels of government move slowly. I know at times, it can feel as though there is an expectation that residents will eventually grow tired and stop participating. We cannot and will not allow that to happen.

Any indifference narrows our vision and weakens our voice. It risks turning engaged citizens into passive observers while important decisions are made for us rather than with us. Create and maintain civic energy. Voices are power.

I don't observe that residents have given up. But I know we can grow weary. I feel that weariness myself. Continue to stay informed and engaged. Support one another. Together, we can resist the idea that fighting our battles inevitably results in a loss of our priorities.

To the Commission: Over the past two years, I have addressed you roughly 25 times, speaking from my own perspective and often after listening to neighbors and supporters of our resident engagement community. We have raised concerns thoughtfully and respectfully on a wide range of issues.

My concern is not whether you hear us. My concern is that too often, residents see little action, poor response rate to resident emails, 3 commissioners who never hold "town hall" style meetings, and even given the legal restraints put upon you, there is no decisiveness on the issues that matter most to them. Community events and celebrations strengthen our social fabric, and they have value, but not exclusively. Residents have repeatedly spoken about high-rises, developer performance, high salary costs, over-reliance on consultants, and a lack of trust in your own town attorney and manager. Today, we face multiple lawsuits that reflect deeper problems that cannot be ignored. We are asked to partner with the rich and incompetent, who gain ego gratification at the expense of others as they empower apparent co-conspirators, sometimes among elected officials and sometimes with some within our own town management.

I admit I am growing frustrated, sometimes angry. Some residents share that emotion. Do not allow that feeling to spread throughout this community. Reject promises attached to development projects. Find partners we can be proud of. Honor the neighborhood values and small-town culture that many of you campaigned on. Restore residents' confidence that their voices truly matter. For today, do they...how can I tell?