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From: Gerhardt, William on behalf of Keating, Liz
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 5:00 PM
To: Autry, Melissa
Cc: Crawford, Nicole; Harris, Reggie; Pettyjohn, Chelsey
Subject: FW: [External Email] NEST support for density ordinance
Attachments: NEST Letter of Support for Density Ordinance 03112022.pdf

Hello –
Could we submit the attached letter for the EGH committee on 3/14.

Thank you,
Will

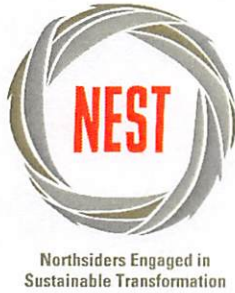
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To: #COUNCIL <#COUNCIL@cincinnati-oh.gov>; Aftab, Mayor <mayor.aftab@cincinnati-oh.gov>
Subject: [External Email] NEST support for density ordinance

External Email Communication

Hello Members of Council and the Mayor,

I'm writing to express our emphatic support for the proposed ordinance related to density in our zoning code. Please find attached our detailed support letter. I look forward to your passage of critical policy adjustments like this and the continued proposal and passage of updates that modernize our zoning code, release our city from parking constraints, inspire transit-oriented development and subsidize affordable housing creation.

Best,
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March 11th, 2022

Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation,
d/b/a NEST

Dear Members of City Council,

Executive Director

Sarah Thomas

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I am writing to express the support of Northsiders Engaged in Sustainable Transformation (NEST) for the ordinance to amend the zoning code to remove minimum land area per unit requirements in non-single family zones in the City.

As Northside's Community Development Corporation, NEST has brought a clear vision for the redevelopment of the Northside community since our inception in 2006. Through renovation, new construction and partnerships with qualified owners, NEST has developed and renovated single family and small multifamily units in Northside, while also supporting existing residents with grants for home improvements. In 2018 our scope of work expanded into commercial development, targeting affordable rental housing and business district improvement.

The ordinance before you helps us achieve our mission and deliver the types of projects that build a vibrant, diverse community that supports those who live there today and welcomes new neighbors. It is critical for Cincinnati to continue seeking growth in our population, housing stock and neighborhood business districts. This is a small but imperative step in the right direction.

This ordinance also aligns with Northside's Comprehensive Land Use Plan that was the product of extensive community engagement. The plan specifically identifies "Integrating more housing into our neighborhood business district." This not only increases the population in our community, it allows more people to live adjacent to multiple, frequent transit lines and support our neighborhood business district in a sustainable, enjoyable way. Proactively creating strong neighborhoods that are dense, walkable and accessible is the basis for a smart, sustainable city.

We look forward to working with City leaders not just on the ordinance before you today, but the additional, necessary, reforms to the city's zoning code that will help communities like Northside thrive.

Thank you,

Sarah Thomas,
NEST Executive Director