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August 13, 2020

Dear Roberto Perez,

On behalf of the Little Village Chamber of Commerce, thank you for meeting directly with our Board and Staff on Thursday, August 6th to provide us with a detailed update on the Exchange 55 Development located at 3501 S. Pulaski Road in Little Village.

We appreciate your diligence and determination in addressing the unfortunate result of the earlier implosion. Your immediate efforts to mitigate the situation by offering clean-up services to residents, hiring a new local Little Village demolition contractor, hosting a virtual community meeting, engaging and informing residents door to door via mailings and flyers, placing ads and calls and providing real time project information on your website are noted and appreciated.

The Little Village Chamber of Commerce supports the Exchange 55 development because we believe it will result in long-lasting economic growth and a range of long-term benefits to the Little Village Community and surrounding areas.

We look forward to the thousands of local job opportunities being created in the current economic times. We are also in serious need of infrastructure improvements to Pulaski Road and are excited to learn about the new sidewalks, pathways for bikes and pedestrians, and new CTA bus stations. This improved infrastructure will make the newly created jobs easily accessible by walking, biking, or taking public transportation to work.

The environmental elements of the project such as the installation of solar panels, LED lighting and charging stations for electric vehicles are an added benefit along with the beautification of the area with the planting of 700 new trees.

We look forward to meeting with your selected tenant at the appropriate time to discuss how we can support and amplify their efforts in the Little Village Community and the City as a whole.

Thank you,

Blanca R. Soto Executive Director