

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mayor Greg Ballard
Mayor's Office
2501 City-County Bldg. 200 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am writing to encourage you to seriously consider the application by Carreau Design and Leif Hinterberger for state/municipal support for the proposed Uptown development. I have done a preliminary review of the plans for the development and it appears that the project will serve to promote the states goals of energy efficiency and expanded renewable energy use in several ways.

First, the project will reduce onsite energy use relative to standard urban housing. It will do this by incorporating a number of energy efficiency features including high R-value insulation, energy efficient appliances, and advanced water management systems. The project developers are also considering some renewable energy options including solar power and wind energy, although those would necessarily be a smaller component of the project. A measure of the success of the project will be its ability to earn a LEED certification for green buildings.

Second, by providing attractive housing in a particularly significant location - between the Downtown and Broad Ripple areas - the new housing will invite those moving to and near Indianapolis to consider passing up the extended suburbs and long commutes and pursue a location within the city. This will reduce energy use and pollution. It will also contribute to the density of population that is needed to support public transportations systems.

The mixed residential and commercial design of the project will also contribute to reductions in traffic by locating services closer to those who require them. Moreover, the connection of the project to nearby foot and bike trails will further encourage residents to explore alternatives to climbing into their cars as soon as they leave their homes.

Third, and perhaps most significant, the project will establish a pattern of develop in a part of the city that badly needs an anchor for future development. This type of infill development is completely consistent with the notion of "smart growth" that can do so much for energy efficiency in a city setting. Once the project is established and people see that it represents a serious and forward-looking investment in the neighborhood, we can expect to see others investing in the improvement and development of nearby properties.

While this is only a quick summary of the project, I think that you will see that from an energy and sustainability perspective, the Uptown project has thoughtfully incorporated many promising features that are absent in most urban development projects. I encourage you to support this project in any way that you can.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Richards

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Associate Director, Lugar Center for Renewable Energy, Indianapolis

Associate Director, Center for Research in Energy and the Environment, Bloomington

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Mr. Maury Plambeck, AICP
City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development
City County Building
200 East Washington Street
Indianapolis IN. 46204

Dear Mr. Plambeck:

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Mr, Brandon Seitz
Director, Office of Energy and Defense Development
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Suite 1250
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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