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Re: City of Littleton's Urban Renewal Plans

Dear Council Members:

The Board of County Commissioners for Arapahoe County, Colorado understands that the City Council for the City of Littleton has a public hearing regarding the repeal of certain urban renewal plans scheduled for December 6, 2016. While we continue to support the prospect of additional growth occurring in the City of Littleton, for the reasons originally indicated by the Board of County Commissioners in letters submitted prior to the adoption of the urban renewal plans at issue, we remain concerned with and object to the urban renewal plans (Santa Fe URA, Columbine Square URA, Littleton Boulevard URA, and North Broadway URA).

Included among these reasons is that despite the passage of a considerable amount of time each of the plans still do not include an identifiable urban renewal project. In addition, we continue to believe that the use of tax increment financing, and the resulting diversion of revenues from the County and other taxing entities, was and is not necessary for the development of the areas covered by the plans. Some of the development that has already occurred without the use of tax increment financing in the plan areas includes the construction of a 7-11 convenience store and gas station at the RTD Mineral Light Rail Station, the construction of the Breckenridge Brewery, the expansion of O'Toole's Garden Center, and the renovation and expansion of a King Soopers shopping center, to name a few. Additionally, new construction and renovation continues to occur in the vicinity of the plan areas.

For these reasons, as well as the additional reasons stated in our previous letters to the City, we support the repeal of the urban renewal plans, and respectfully urge the City Council to approve the ordinances that it will be considering on December 6th.

Sincerely,

Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners
Nancy A. Doty, Chair

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