

To: The Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) & Savannah City Council

Date: 7/7/25

Re: LETTER OF SUPPORT – Rezoning Application Nos. 26-003125-ZA & 26-003123-ZA
Properties located at E. 40th St. and Drayton St. (From TN-2 to TC-1)

To the Members of the MPC and Savannah City Council:

As a property owner in the immediate neighborhood, I am writing to express my full support for the proposed petition to rezone the properties at E. 40th St. and Drayton St. from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial).

I support this rezoning request for the following critical planning and community reasons:

1. Consistency with Neighborhood Evolution: The block surrounding E. 40th St. and Drayton St. has naturally transitioned into a vibrant commercial zone. Successful adaptive reuse projects at 2400 Bull St.—including Brochu’s, Garden Square, and Sola Suites—demonstrate that commercial use is best for this immediate area.
2. Logical Zoning Continuity and Buffering: Transitioning these specific parcels to TC-1 creates a logical, cohesive connection between the active Bull Street corridor, the existing businesses on the north side of the E. 40th St. 100-block (such as Atwell’s Art & Frame, Knack Pottery Studio, and Foxlark Jewelry), and the Abercorn Street corridor.
3. Protection of Residential Character: Rather than encroaching on the neighborhood, this rezoning helps contain commercial activity within a defined, predictable corridor. This concentration prevents business uses from scattering further into purely residential blocks, thereby protecting the integrity and quiet enjoyment of nearby TN-2 properties.
4. Walkability and Community Benefit: Aligning these properties with TC-1 standards encourages sustainable, pedestrian-friendly development.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the MPC recommend approval, and that the Savannah City Council subsequently approve this rezoning petition.

Sincerely,

Signature: 

Printed Name: Niko Ormond

Property Address: 2411 De Soto Ave., Savannah, GA31401

Relationship to Area: ☐ Neighbor/Resident ☒ Property Owner ☐ Local Business Owner