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Ernest C. Wong, Chairman
Commission on Chicago Landmarks
121 N. LaSalle St.
City Hall, Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Landmarks Permit Review Committee
Applicant: 917 W. Fulton Partners LLC
917 West Fulton Market St., Chicago, IL

Dear Chairman Wong:

Please let this letter serve as my support of the proposed development of the property located at 917 W. Fulton Market Street with an eleven story office building development that incorporates, reuses and rehabilitates the Fulton Randolph Market District contributing building at 900 W. Lake Street.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Your favorable recommendation of this project would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Walter Burnett, Jr.
Alderman of the 27th Ward

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6/9/2021

SENT VIA EMAIL WBURNETT@CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG & U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Alderman Walter Burnett
City Hall, Room 300
121 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago, IL 60602

RE: Proposed development located at 917 W. Fulton St.

Dear Alderman Burnett,

The West Central Association has been proud to work with your office, the Department of Planning and Development, area property owners, residents and other stakeholders to help guide development in the West Loop for many years, and bring sustainable economic development. As a longstanding community organization and a delegate agency of the city of Chicago, we know we have a duty to our community to devote adequate time and due diligence before finalizing our position on every project.

Below is a summary of our vetting process and position for this project:

- The project was presented to the West Central Association's Economic Development Committee on December 16, 2020. The project was presented again on June 17, 2021.
- A community meeting was held on February 23, 2021.

As a result of the review above, we support the development for the following reasons:

- **DESIGN:** WCA appreciates the level of detail to design, Fulton Market historic district and setbacks for this prominent corner of Fulton Market. The developer has gone to great lengths to accommodate feedback by WCA, city of Chicago and the community with multiple design modifications. In particular, they have modified the 11th floor and the penthouse configuration which minimizes the height perception of the building.
- **COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** Improved streetscape along Peoria and the elimination of curb cuts on Fulton Market will improve the pedestrian experience in the vibrant neighborhood.
- **ECONOMIC BENEFITS:** Temporary and permanent job creations and contribution to the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund with local impact funds needed for infrastructure improvements.

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Based upon the strong responses and follow-up by the development team, on behalf of the WCA, I am pleased to inform you that the WCA supports the project, and the requested zoning change and planned development. It is our opinion that the project meets the West Loop Design Guidelines, and is consistent with the WCA/Metropolitan Planning Council Planning Study recommendations.

If you have any questions regarding our findings or recommendations, please contact me.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Armando Chacon". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the "Best Regards," text.

Armando Chacon
West Central Association president

CC: Maurice Cox, commissioner, city of Chicago DPD | via email & U.S. Mail
Noah Szafranec, supervising zoning plan examiner, city of Chicago DPD | via email
Cynthia Chan Roubik, Assistant Commissioner, city of Chicago DPD, Central Region | via email
Chris Leach, attorney, Akerman LLP | via email