

January 17, 2022

Teresa Cordova Chairwoman - Chicago Plan Commission 121 N. LaSalle Street, Council Chambers Chicago, IL 60602 Via email: <u>CPC@cityofchicago.org</u>

Re: Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce Support for C1, D1 and Park Parcels at Lincoln Yards – Chicago Plan Commission

Chairwoman Cordova,

On behalf of the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce (LPCC), I would like to share our support of the plans for the C1, D1 and "Park" sub-areas of the Lincoln Yards Planned Development that will appear before the Chicago Plan Commission on Thursday, January 20. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with our perspective on these important sub-areas.

The LPCC has reviewed the plans for these three (3) sub-areas, and members of our staff attended the "Open House" hosted by Sterling Bay at the Lincoln Yards Community Experience Center on December 14th to gain further insight into these current plans. We were pleased to see the event had strong local engagement with members of several community organizations in attendance.

We have also met with representatives of Sterling Bay to discuss the ongoing progress made at the Lincoln Yards location, including a recent briefing of our board of directors in the final quarter of 2021.

We look forward to these sub-areas breaking ground in the near future, and we thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If we may be of further assistance, please contact me directly at (773) 880-5200 or kim@lincolnparkchamber.com and I would be happy to assist in any way.

Sincerely,

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Kim Schilf, IOM, ACE President and CEO



Attn: Chicago Plan Commission January 20, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

I submit this letter **in support** of the project at <u>1228–1284 W Concord Pl. and</u> 1659–1909 N Throop St. (West Town, 2nd Ward)

I've been following this master plan for more than six-years. With one building out of the ground, it's time for the next step, which will include an office building, residential structure, riverside improvements and open space.

Lincoln Yards is one of multiple master plans that will transform parts of Chicago and it's awesome to watch. With LY, land along the Chicago River that been industrial and inaccessible for a century is being cleaned up and opened to public.

In five-years the area will be unrecognizable.

Regarding the architecture, please be careful not to repeat the Faux-industrial designs of the West Loop in Lincoln Yards. While both areas have an industrial past, they were different and unique to their location.

I understand the height of both the office and residential block were "massaged" vertically, that being said, I will continue to advocate for taller, thinner structures that allows for more light & air to circulate, and take up less ground space for greenspace. The fact that the overall vertical scale and concept of Lincoln Yards was "dumbed down" by more than 200' is still bothersome and short (literally) sighted. This leaves the project without a true visual/vertical landmark. I hope this is rectified with the loosening of the noose regarding height.

I look forward to watching this and future phases be constructed.

I support this project and encourage the plan commission to do so too.

Below are images of the Lincoln Yards model I took at the December 14th Open House. The phases being discussed today is reddish orange in color.

Respectfully yours,

Butler V. Adams Chicago Native Civic Boaster



Overview Looking North



Looking Northwest



Northwest Overview