April 18, 2022

Ms. Laura Flores, Chair
Chicago Plan Commission
121 N. LaSalle Street, Room 1000
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: NBW letter of support for the proposed industrial warehouse project at 1237 W. Division Street.

Dear Chair Flores:

North Branch Works (NBW) strongly supports the two-story industrial warehouse project proposed by Logistics Property Company for the property located at 1237 W. Division Street. It is exciting to see an innovative land-use that is compatible with the zoning in the area and would create the first-ever two-story industrial warehouse in Chicago.

This property is located in the North Branch Industrial Corridor. We are especially encouraged by the incredible economic benefits the project would generate, namely a $250 million overall investment, the creation of between 600-800 high-quality jobs, and approximately 750-1000 construction jobs.

We also appreciate the proposal includes facilities that support electric vehicles, which promotes sustainable economic development, and that the project meets air quality standards for the industrial corridor. In addition, the applicant met with us and is working closely with many stakeholders in the North Branch community including the 27th Ward office. It is a pleasure working with the applicant.

NBW is a membership-supported nonprofit neighborhood organization that for forty years has promoted balanced, job-creating economic development along the North Branch of the Chicago River. We are also a City of Chicago "delegate agency" providing an array of support services to local businesses.

We ask the Plan Commission to approve this rezoning request. NBW looks forward to this rezoning being approved and continuing to support the applicant as well as connecting new firms that might locate there with city programs, grants, low-interest loans, and to our members as they open business operations in the North Branch.

Best regards,

Steve Simmons
Director of Business and Economic Development

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