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Att John Fox
428. E Thunderbird Rd #234
Phoenix, AZ 85022
and
City of Phoenix Planning a& Development Department
200 W Washington St 3rd Floor
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RE: Letter of Support for the Proximity at 15th avenue and Vineyard, Phoenix AZ

TigerMountain Foundation, a South Phoenix-based nonprofit corporation, is pleased to submit this letter of support for the 24-lot affordable housing single family residential project to be located at 15th Avenue and Vineyard Avenue within the South Mountain Village. We support their rezoning from S-1 to R1-6 PRD.

TigerMountain Foundation seeks to empower the people of South Phoenix by building flourishing community gardens and through our multi-ethnic and inter-generational Garden and Landscape/Agriscaping Initiatives we mentor participants through an active and healthy eating lifestyle, a Personal Strategy Roadmap that encourages goal completion and transitions folks into workforce development skills that prepare them to earn a living wage.

In partnership with several local and national partners, we have implemented two (2) community gardens within the South Mountain Village; (i) Spaces of Opportunity located at Vineyard Road and 15th Avenue; and, (ii) Garden of Tomorrow located at 18th Place and Broadway Road. Among other objectives, these gardens seek to provide healthy, affordable, accessible food and promote the diverse South Mountain Village culture.

We have had an opportunity to learn about the proposed project which will include a resident garden. In addition to all of the objectives that our organization would seek to achieve (i.e. access to healthy food), the proposed resident garden amenity is a unique opportunity. This will provide the project residents with a central and meaningful gathering place that encourages a sense of community and pride.

The proposed resident garden provides a unique opportunity to instill a sense of place, create meaningful access to healthy food and promote active lifestyles. The goals for the resident garden are well aligned with our goals and objectives for the larger South Phoenix community and is a great opportunity for other partnerships to join and align and strengthen the overall community. For these reasons, we strongly support the project

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