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City of Phoenix
Planning and Development Department
200 West Washington Street, 3rd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Re: Letter of Support for Planned Unit Development Rezoning Case No. Z-51-23-3 For Affordable Housing Located East of the Southeast Corner of 19th Avenue and Sahuaro Drive

Dear Planning and Development Department,

Please accept this letter of support for Rezoning Case No. Z-51-23-3 regarding the proposed Planned Unit Development ("PUD") Multifamily Development for a much-needed affordable housing development located East of the Southeast Corner of 19th Avenue and Sahuaro Drive.

This happens to be a topic I have focused on through most of my career. I am currently the Director of Housing Policy at Sugar Creek Capital. Prior to my current role, I was the Director at the Arizona Department of Housing where I oversaw the ADOH process and studied the positive impact of affordable housing in the Greater Phoenix area. Additionally, I am proud to have served on the Phoenix City Council from 2003 to 2013 representing District 4.

I have been in contact with Larry Villano, the Chief Energy Officer of Resilient Health, to obtain a better understanding of the proposed affordable housing development on the site. After reviewing the information provided by the Resilient Health team, including proposed elevations, development standards and the site plan, I am strongly in support of the proposed 40 units of affordable housing and the request for a new PUD zoning district. My current and former roles in the community have provided me with clear insight into the Phoenix market and helped me understand the overwhelming need for affordable housing in Phoenix. The Resilient Living development not only aids in continuing to resolve the housing needs of the area, but also goes above and beyond by bringing the desired security and quality development to the community. The thoughtful design, location within the community, proximity to essential public transit hubs and current support from the community, are just a few of the many factors which have confirmed the viability and benefit of this development.

I fully support the rezoning of the property from R-3 to PUD and believe the development will be a great win for the affordable housing market in the City of Phoenix.

Very truly yours,

Tom

Tom Simplot