

July 31, 2019

The Honorable Walter Burnett 27th Ward Alderman 4 N. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60612

Re: Zoning Change for 1100 W. Fulton Market

Dear Alderman Burnett,

On April 8, 2019, Emily Fiore of Akerman, LLP; Sophie Bidek of Hartshorne Plunkard Architects; and Ross Babel of Base Capital Group presented plans for a new office/retail project at the corner of Fulton Market and Aberdeen. Neighbors of West Loop supports this project.

The site includes two parcels that are zoned as C1-1, with a 1.2 FAR. One parcel contains an existing two-story building that is a contributing historic building within the Fulton-Randolph Historic District and the other is a surface parking lot. The proposal would add a third story on the existing building (maintaining the historic facade) and a five-story building immediately to the west. This modification requires a zoning change to DX-5 with a 5.0 FAR. The taller building would be 66 ft in height with no parking. A rooftop terrace would be located on top of the existing building, accessible from the new building.

Our Development Committee appreciates the appearance of the project, in particular the blending of materials, the canopy, and the shade of proposed masonry. We also like the modest scale of the design and the developer's observance of the landmark requirements.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew Letourneau

Chairperson, Development Committee

**NEIGHBORS OF WEST LOOP** 

cc: Emily Fiore, Akerman

Ross Babel, Base Capital Group

Eleanor Gorski, Chicago Department of Planning and Development

Neighbors of West Loop Development Committee