



July 29, 2021

City of Hartford Zoning Board of Appeals
c/o City of Hartford Planning Division
250 Constitution Plaza, 4th Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: 524 Farmington Avenue Zoning Variance Request

Zoning Board of Appeals Members:

The West End Civic Association (WECA), which is the NRZ for the West End, met with the architect for the 524 Farmington Avenue property to learn about the project proposed for the site.

WECA feels that the updated site plan that changes the traffic pattern related to the drive-thru, adds a walk-up service window, and refreshes the look and feel of the building is a clear improvement to the property. This investment will enhance the neighborhood with a more operationally efficient and visually appealing building.

The addition of the walk-up service window is particularly exciting since it shows that the owners understand their business and building are in the middle of a residential area where it would be inappropriate to solely cater to vehicle traffic. We also encourage the owner to implement a long-term plan to maintain the new landscaping installed between the building and the Avenue.

We believe that this proposal is appropriate for the lot and WECA supports the variance requests.

Thank you for considering our position on this application in your decision.

Sincerely,

Kyle Bergquist

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Writing on behalf of the West End Civic Association