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To: BZA and MPC,

RE: 501 Arthur Street, Knoxville, TN 37921

This letter is to advise you of our support of Mike Elliott's request for the necessary Parking Variance and Use on Review approval to re-open 501 Arthur as a restaurant. We would appreciate your consideration of this item as we believe it would be a positive addition to the Old Mechanicsville Neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Bob Hutchison

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To Concerned Parties:

Greetings, I am R. Bentley Marlow, the president of the Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association and the scoutmaster for Mechanicville Boy Scout Troop 99.


During the seven years since Mike Elliott's move into Mechanicsville I have observed his dedication to the neighborhood and 501 Arthur. In that time I have seen him transform a long forgotten building into a treasure in Mechanicsville. He created two beautiful residential units and opened a restaurant that received unanimous raving reviews for its food and atmosphere.

Mike is before you now requesting certain variances necessary for his success. 501 Arthur, being within the historic overlay is handicapped by the requirements for parking spaces. Without the purchase and demolition of historically protected property 501 Arthur cannot have a parking lot adjacent its doors. Moreover, such a lot is unnecessary given Mechanicsville's pedestrian and bicycle friendly layout, and proximity to a KAT bus stop. Additionally, when 501 was operating it was frequently busy during lunch and dinner hours and I never observed a parking or traffic problem result.

501 Arthur is just the sort of small business Mechanicsville needs. It provides opportunities for local residents to work and learn business skills, as well as being a source of pride for our neighborhood. As an active resident of Mechanicsville and a small business owner, I strongly urge this board to favorably review Mike Elliott's requests.

Should you require additional information please contact me at (865) 607-4357.

Very truly yours,



R. Bentley Marlow