

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Board of the Parkridge Community Organization (PCO), we are pleased to express our support for the proposed rezoning of 808 Winona Street to allow a small business bakery to open, filing number 8-A-26-SU

The PCO Board believes that thoughtfully planned, locally owned businesses play an important role in creating healthy, vibrant neighborhoods. A small bakery is the type of community-oriented business that can enhance the character of Parkridge by providing a welcoming gathering place, increasing access to locally made goods, and encouraging residents to support local entrepreneurship.

We believe the proposed rezoning of 808 Winona Street aligns with the vision of a walkable, connected neighborhood where residents can access neighborhood-serving businesses close to home. In addition to providing a valued service, a bakery has the potential to strengthen community connections, attract positive investment, and contribute to the continued growth of the area.

The Board also recognizes that small-scale neighborhood businesses, when appropriately designed and operated, are compatible with surrounding residential uses and can enhance the overall quality of life for residents. We appreciate the applicant's investment in the Parkridge neighborhood and their commitment to contributing positively to the community.

For these reasons, the Parkridge Community Organization Board respectfully supports the requested rezoning of 808 Winona Street and encourages approval of the application. We believe this project will be a positive addition to the neighborhood and serve as an asset to both current and future residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Board of Directors**

Parkridge Community Organization