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City of Rockford  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
425 East State Street  
Rockford, Illinois 61104

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the SWIFTT organization, I am writing to support the Rockford Housing Development Corporation (RHDC) Special Use Permit application for a Planned Unit Development (PDU) to be located at 310 South Avon Street, 1104 Chestnut Street, and 13XX Preston Street, which is the planning and zoning report file #004-23.

SWIFTT firmly supports the mixed-use development for many reasons including the project's heavy reliance on minority subcontractors in the construction of the development phases. The planned bedroom apartments, single family homes, commercial spaces, an early childhood center, and ample green space for recreation is a welcomed initiative in southwest Rockford.

The best part of the project is the ability for the housing to stay affordable and not displace residents in the region. Various mechanism will be used to allow this affordability, namely land trust, low-income housing tax credits, and housing types (e.g., studio apartments, 1-bedroom apartments, single family homes).

SWIFTT supports the approval of this catalytic PDU of the RHDC that promotes affordable housing, economic development, and public safety in southwest Rockford.

SWIFTT is a membership based, 501(c)(3) economic and community development organization working to attract and retain businesses and services to improve the quality of life for people who live and work in southwest Rockford. We are proud to support the RHDC in this endeavor.

Best regards,

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