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Mr. Rob Zuccaro, Planning and Building Safety Director
Mr. Matt Post, Senior Planner
City of Louisville Planning Department
749 Main Street
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RE: Courtesy Louisville LLC – GDP Amendment

Dear Rob and Matt,

On behalf of Thistle Communities, I am writing to supplement the General Development Plan (GDP) application materials for our Courtesy Louisville development at 2101 N. Courtesy Road and to request an expedited placement on the Planning and City Council agenda. We are eager to advance this project, which aligns with the City of Louisville's housing goals by providing much-needed affordable, attainable, and Missing Middle homeownership workforce housing options—currently absent in Louisville.

Thistle Communities is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating and maintaining permanently affordable housing in Boulder County. Since our inception, we have successfully developed numerous affordable housing projects in Boulder and Longmont, ensuring access to high-quality homes for individuals and families. Our mission is to foster inclusive, sustainable communities where everyone can access safe and affordable housing.

In January 2024, Thistle Communities acquired the Courtesy Louisville site from Rob and Carol Lathrop, who sought to see the property utilized for affordable housing. Our mission and vision for the site align with their intent.

Following the Concept Plan meeting in October, we refined our development approach while maintaining our commitment to a permanently affordable, deed-restricted homeownership community serving a range of Area Median Income (AMI) levels. The site's prime infill location—near transit, shopping, and essential services—makes it ideal for an affordable, attainable housing community. Its connectivity will enhance residents' quality of life by providing convenient access to transportation and amenities.

Louisville's housing study highlights key goals that align with this project: expanding affordable housing, fostering diverse and inclusive communities, and ensuring new developments are sustainable and well-integrated. The Courtesy Louisville development is designed to meet these goals by offering high-quality, affordable, and workforce housing in an environmentally sustainable and well-connected neighborhood.

With this letter, we are submitting supporting GDP application documents prepared by Hartronft Associates. Given the timing constraints tied to funding applications, we respectfully request the City's support in expediting this review and placement on the Planning and City Council agendas. Advancing this project efficiently will enable us to pursue essential funding opportunities that require local approvals.

We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to working collaboratively with the City of Louisville to realize our shared housing goals. Let us know if you need anything else to help with this process.

Sincerely,

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