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Dear City Council Members,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the proposed apartment and housing project along Ohio Boulevard. Addressing the housing crisis in our community has been a priority for many of us over the last few years. And while we've seen a good increase over the last couple years, we haven't seen a project of this magnitude for decades. This 70 million dollar investment is huge, and the fact that it's a local developer makes it even better. I believe that Gibson Development is the right developer, at the right time, and I have full confidence that they will deliver a unique and beautiful addition to the area. This development will be a huge shot in the arm to our tax base that will help fund schools, parks, public safety and infrastructure needs.

While I understand there are concerns from some neighbors. I can tell you that after almost 30 years in the homebuilding business, these types of developments will never please everyone. This parcel was always intended to have housing on it, and I think the developers have done a great job of bringing something new and fresh, while also keeping the historical aspect of Ohio Boulevard in place.

The fear of change has for far too long held our community back. I believe it's time we all stood together to show that we are willing to make difficult decisions to move Terre Haute and Vigo County forward. Rejecting this project would send a bad message to this developer and others that are interested in our community. I am on the Area Planning Commission and was proud to second the favorable recommendation, and it had strong support with a 10-2 vote in favor.

Thank you for your service to our community, and thank you for your consideration of this project.

Mark Clinkenbeard Vigo County Commissioner