August 10, 2021

Kathryn Duff, Chairperson
and Members of the Planning Board
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Reference: Planning Board Meeting Agenda of August 11, 2021
Case 21-27 – ALRIG USA Development, LLC

Dear Chairperson Duff and Members of the Planning Board:

I am writing in reference to the above referenced request which is to be heard by the Planning Board on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment scheduled for the same date and time. I would however like to offer my support for Case 21-27, which requests a Special Permit for the construction of a new fast-food restaurant and associated site improvements at 157-161 Coggeshall Street.

The petitioner is making a significant investment in the City, improving the site, much of which is currently vacant and underutilized and submitting a proposal that is consistent with the City's Master Plan for commercial development. In doing so, the petitioner will create employment opportunities, add to the commercial tax base and increase the values of surrounding commercial properties. I trust with the Planning Board's guidance and recommendations for the final development that this project will be an appealing addition to the neighborhood and provide a dining experience for the residents of the City of New Bedford that is currently not available, I strongly support the proposed project and ask you to grant the Special Permit request by the petitioner.

Kindly read this letter into the record of the Planning Board meeting to make those in attendance and the general public aware of my support of Case 21-27. Thank you in advance for your attention to this correspondence and for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Morad
Councillor At Large

xc: Ward 2 City Councillor Maria Giesta