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Councillor Ward Two

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

Dear Madam Chair and Honorable Members of the Planning Board:

As the Ward Two City Councillor, I am writing to give my full support for Case #21-27: 157-161 Coggeshall Street under "New Business" for a Special Permit for construction of a fast-food restaurant with a drive-through.

I believe that 157-161 Coggeshall Street is a great location for this new business, due to its easy off and on highway access (195 East/West), as well as its close proximity to a retail shopping center. I truly believe that having a Starbucks in New Bedford and especially in my Ward is a great economic boom for our City. I have known the Khalife brothers for a few years, and they have always been great business owners and friends to our Community. I am very confident that the owners will have a first-rate operation in New Bedford.

Please read this letter into the record to make those in attendance and the public aware of my support of Case #21-27.

Best,

Maria E. Giesta
Councillor Ward Two

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