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To Whom It May Concern,

I am very happy to provide this letter of recommendation for Jared Beck, AICP and the Stantec team for the great work they did in developing our Downtown Master Plan. This team was able to articulate the vision our community has had for historic downtown and translate it into a clear and easily understood market-based action Plan.

With existing uses ranging from downtown commercial and single-family residential to public recreation and industrial, the plan needed to address many things. Key for us was capturing the historic and cultural legacy of our community while developing action steps and a funding strategy that would allow us to develop compact critical residential mass, growth and development of locally owned and operated businesses, and invest in a dynamic and activated public realm.

The final Plan, its clear elements, and its vibrant imagery is an inspiring document that has excited our community – residents, local business, and development interest.

Among other elements, it includes values and goals, market projections, a downtown framework, districts and redevelopment scenarios, phasing, parking and mobility, streets and public spaces, zoning, historic preservation, gateways, incentives, funding models, and policy and placed-based implementation strategies. Again, I would highly recommend Jared and the Stantec team for their skill and expertise in redevelopment planning. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 305-953-2868, ext. 1503.

Sincerely,



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