

Re: Support for Rezoning – 5130 14th St.

Date: May 20th, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for City Planning Commission approval for rezoning the property at 5130 14th to M3. I further support Detroit Metal Shaping in purchasing the property following the M3 rezoning and beginning operations there.

Joe McKeen, owner of Detroit Metal Shaping, is a dedicated business owner committed to contributing to Detroit's ongoing revitalization. His vision for occupying the existing structure and using it as a custom vehicle creation facility promises to bring new energy, creativity, and economic activity to the 14th St. corridor.

Throughout the community engagement process, Detroit Metal Shaping has:

- Been transparent about his plans
- Been eager to engage with residents
- Appeared at 2 separate community meetings (Woodbridge Community Council and Woodbridge Neighborhood Development) to speak with residents and hear their questions and concerns
- Provided interested residents with a tour of his current shop in Hamtramck

I believe this project will be beneficial to redeveloping the 14th St. corridor, and I fully support the proposed rezoning.

Sincerely,

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