



March 10, 2020

ATTN: Collen Nicol, Riverside City Clerk
City of Riverside
3900 Main St.
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor and City Council,

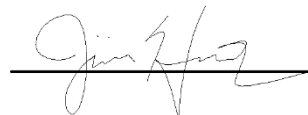
I write to you today on behalf of Neighbors Better Together¹ (NBT), an association of representatives from many of Riverside's community groups, dedicated to creating networked conversations between residents and their local government with the goal of promoting fact-based decision-making on government policies affecting community issues that impact our shared vision for Riverside.

Our group voted unanimously on February 23rd, 2020, to send this letter to you expressing our support of a moratorium on **warehouse development** for Riverside's Northside neighborhood, a topic the City Council is set to discuss on March 10, 2020. NBT reminds the Council that a Northside Specific Plan was identified as a priority during the adoption in 2007 of the City of Riverside General Plan 2025. Further, the community was informed, upon approval of the preparation of the Northside Specific Plan by the Council in 2016, that the plan would be finalized by the end of 2018.

NBT believes the Northside neighborhood should not be held responsible for the broken promises and delays by the City and its proxies in the development of the Northside Specific Plan. We further believe significant, long-term, and negative quality-of-life impacts affecting Northside residents that would result from further warehouse development should carry much more weight towards your decision-making than short-sighted, and likely feeble economic development. Lastly, we believe the City has a duty to the taxpayers and ratepayers (many of whom reside in the Northside), who paid for the development of the Northside Specific Plan, to mitigate the damage to this investment from this potentially non-conforming use.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you collaboratively in the future towards making Riverside the true gem of the Inland Empire.

Sincerely,



¹ Disclaimer: NBT is an independent group consisting of members from local, community-minded organizations. Opinions expressed by NBT do not necessarily reflect the views or goals of those organizations.



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