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Reply to Topeka Office

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City Commissioners
City of Lawrence
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Mike Amyx, Mayor City of Lawrence P O Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: Petition for CID, 23rd Street & Ousdahl Road

Dear Mayor Amyx and Commissioners:

As the City files imply, this firm represents Lawrence 1714, LLC, Lawrence 23 Ousdahl, LLC, and Got-Mor, LLC with regard to their previously submitted Petition for the Creation of the Ousdahl 23 Community Improvement District. The Petition was originally placed on the May 18, 2010, City Commission Agenda but was deferred pending revisions to the City's CID policy. Since that time, the Planning Director has approved the Site Plan for the improvements intended for the proposed District.

The CID Petition requests the allowance of a 1% sales tax within the District. The additional sales tax will be used to reimburse for site improvements in the proposed Community Improvement District including repair or repaving of the parking lots, improvements to the interior and exterior of the existing buildings, increased landscaping throughout the District, removal of two pole signs and addition of two new monument signs, increased lighting, and a pedestrian connection from 23rd Street. The Site Plan also approved the closing of the westernmost driveway onto 23rd street and signs for traffic control, all of which is at staff request and in consideration of the 23rd Street Corridor Study.

Now that the amendments to the City's CID policy have been decided upon and the Site Plan for this project has been approved, we respectfully request that the Petition for the Creation of the Ousdahl 23 Community Improvement District be considered. We would suggest it be added to either the July 20, July 27 or August 3 City Commission Agenda for public hearing, as required by the City's policy, and further that the Commission vote to approve the Petition to aid in redevelopment of this site.

Lawrence 1714, LLC, Lawrence 23 Ousdahl, LLC and Got-More, LLC are eager to renovate these properties for the benefit of the existing Yokohama, a new Jimmy John's and to attract new businesses to site. If the Commission has additional questions regarding the proposed improvements to these properties or the intended uses of the requested CID sales tax, we will gladly provide additional information at or before the Commission hearing on the Petition.

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