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Mr. Bruce Liese, Chair, and Planning Commission Members Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission City Hall Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Chairman Liese and Planning Commissioners:

RE: ITEM NO. 5B SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR RHODY DELAHUNTY COMPLEX; 1106 RHODE ISLAND ST (LBZ)

We believe that the renovation of the subject historical structures into a residential-office complex would benefit the area and the city. However, we have a major concern that would be alleviated by placing a condition on the Special Use Permit (SUP) of this complex. Please add the condition that the individual dwellings will not be sold or transferred to individual (separate) owners.

The reason for our request is that there is nothing in the language of the SUP that requires that separate ownership of individual detached dwellings on the same lot in multiple family districts be prohibited; only that an SUP is required to allow multiple detached dwellings on the same lot in multiple family districts.

We realize that the regulations require that the current intended owners must not transfer the buildings to other owners within a 5-year period. However, after this time limit we see no continued restrictions; hence the need for the condition on the SUP.

We ask again that you place a condition on the SUP for this property that prohibits the transfer of the individual detached dwellings to separate owners.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Cille King

Alan Black, Chairman

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Land Use Committee