



July 12, 2016

Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission  
6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing in support of Seeds From Italy's Special Use Permit request for 1501 Learnard Ave. Sunrise Project will share the site with Seeds From Italy and greatly values their partnership. The company's owners, Lynn Byczynski and Dan Nagengast, have built a very successful business and contribute great value to the community through the distribution of high quality Italian seeds.

The Special Use Permit would allow the company to renovate one of the buildings at the Sunrise site to be used for seed storage and office space. Their footprint would be very minimal, would not change the intensity of use, and would have less traffic impact than the previous occupant.

Thank you for considering Seeds From Italy's SUP request. Sunrise Project supports the Commission voting in favor of this request.

Sincerely,

Emily Hampton  
Executive Director, Sunrise Project

**From:** [Matthew Stephens](#)  
**To:** [Mary Miller](#)  
**Subject:** Special Use Permit 1501 Learnard  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 3:58:32 PM

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Hello Mary,

I wanted to voice my support for the approval of the special use permit that Seeds from Italy is seeking for the garden center at 1501 Learnard Avenue. I live 3 houses down at 1536 Learnard and I am in full support of them renovating the old garage at the site to use for their business and I have zero concerns with their plan. As a resident who lives in close proximity to the site, I hope that the planning commission will approve this special use permit.

Thank you,

Matthew Stephens

July 19, 2016

Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission  
6 E. 6th St.  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I wanted to send a note to express my support of the Special Use Permit request by Seeds from Italy to convert a garage on the property of the former Sunrise Garden Center into an office and storage area for their garden seed business.

As a regular customer and former employee of the business, I can attest to the high quality with which they run their business, as well as the respectful attitude that they maintain in all of their interactions. As a business owner who will grow in the greenhouse on the Sunrise site, I'm excited to have them as a neighbor, and I see their business as a great fit with the envisioned use of the property.

This business will be a positive addition to the neighborhood, as well as to all of Lawrence, and I urge the Commission to vote in favor of this request.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Prather  
Lawrence Organics, LLC