

7/7/20 Email

Hello,

I'm a resident of Burlington's south end since 2008; prior to that I lived for 5 years in Queen City Park. I'm writing to enthusiastically support the Higher Ground Hub project. I'm a business owner in Burlington (at the Skinny Pancake and at CashorTrade, a tech company in the South End). If I still lived in Queen City Park, I'd be ecstatic about this project.

Both of these organizations have a long track record of socially responsible and regulation-compliant practices. When people cite why Burlington is an awesome place to live and work, it's because of experiences like Burton and Higher Ground have created. This is a brilliant use of available space and will add to the vibrancy of the area just as all of these companies' endeavors have over recent decades.

The traffic in and out of the area is predominantly in the evening, when there is little other traffic. Just as concert-goers efficiently come and go from the current Higher Ground, Flynn or Shelburne Museum, they can do so from the Higher Ground Hub. Shelburne Museum concerts dump more than double the concert-goers one-way onto Bostwick Rd, a small side road that connects to route 7. If it works down there, it can work easily up here, where drivers can exit in 2 separate directions.

The vast majority of my fellow residents live here because our little city has incredible businesses and resources like the Higher Ground Hub project. No doubt, these many residents support this project too and will be thankful to have it when it's complete. Please don't let a very vocal and small minority drive the agenda with what amount to selfish NIMBY motivations.

Sincerely,

Jonny Adler
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Dear Design Review Board,

I'm writing with an enthusiastic endorsement of Burton's conditional use application. A concert venue is a perfect complimentary use for the building with easy access by foot, by bike, or by car with lots of existing parking. Burton and HG will team up to repurpose an aging industrial building for a new use that will enhance Burlington as a vibrant place to live.

I live in the Red Rocks condo community and believe this will be a good addition to my neighborhood and look forward to living close by.

Further, I think it is really important for Burlington to continue to grow and be a place where people would like to move and live. In order to do all the important things a city must do a time like this, we need to continue to have a vibrant and growing tax base. That's why I'm in favor of smart growth and this project is just such an example. Without that, we will see a downward spiral. I've lived in another neighborhood in Burlington and believe all of the areas of the city need to do their fair share of contributing to the health of our community. This part of the city is not immune from the need to do our part.

Thank you,

Lisa Gibbons

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Good afternoon all,

I'm writing to share my support for Burton's conditional use application. Burton and Higher Ground are both long-standing responsible community partners who are well positioned to repurpose an aging industrial space to new use that will enhance Burlington as a vibrant place to live, work, and play.

I was a vocal supporter of the project while on the City Council and was deeply involved in the balancing of interests while serving on the Council's Ordinance Committee. The parameters established in the zoning took into account the broad range of potential concerns of neighbors and planning professionals.

The Development Review Board's critical review is essential in ensuring that the partners meet the zoning standards. I'm confident they have and hope you do as well. I encourage you to support the project. Burton and Higher Ground have helped set the bar for how to be responsible and engaging throughout a development process.

I will do my best to participate in the call this afternoon, but please accept this note as my public comment if I am not able.

Thank you all for your important work for the City of Burlington.

My best,

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Mr. Gustin,

I'm a full supporter of Burton's conditional use application. They have done their due diligence to build a great complex, and I have full confidence in Burton and Higher Ground to responsibly manage the venue based on their extensive concert and event experience, and their long-standing commitment to our community. I live in the Ledgewood Condos in the south end and having seen how Flynn Ave has been repurposed and developed, it only makes sense to allow the same for the Burton / HG complex. This will be a benefit to property values and a wise use of space. Thank you for your time.

Mark Taylor

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