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DeKalb Board of Commissioners

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1300 Commerce Drive

Decatur, GA 30030

Re: North Decatur Square—redevelopment of N. Decatur Road and Church Street

(Z-16-20863; LUA-16-20864;SLUP-16-20866)

Dear Commissioners Barnes Sutton, Gannon, Rader, Johnson, Jester and Davis Johnson,

On behalf of Decatur Heights Neighborhood Association, Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation (the “DHNA”), we submit this letter of support and respectfully request approval of the above referenced applications. During the last several months, our Board and representatives of the Church Street area neighborhoods have had multiple opportunities to meet with S.J. Collins representatives, including Jeff Garrison and Matt Widmaier and their attorney, Julie Sellers, to provide input on the site plan and to ensure that needed offsite pedestrian safety related improvements would accompany this project. The DHNA also encouraged and invited the area neighborhoods to attend the community meetings held to discuss the proposed development.

We appreciate the approach that S.J. Collins took with this redevelopment opportunity and their significant investment in the community engagement process. We welcomed them bringing in the Sizemore Group, consultants for the Medline LCI, to oversee the public’s envisioning of the public area designs. Throughout this process, S.J. Collins was willing to hear from residents to discuss the project and incorporated many of the suggestions into the site plans. We are particularly pleased that Terwilliger-Pappas will be their partner for the multi-family residential to include a minimum of 10% Workforce Housing at 80% of Area Median Income Level.

Please accept this letter as the support from the DHNA for the approval of the three applications. Their plan fits well with the community’s goals as defined by the Medline LCI. A healthy grocery option and additional retail, banking, dining and housing opportunities will be a benefit to our neighborhood and this community. On behalf of the DHNA, we are appreciative of the commitment S.J. Collins has made to involve the community in the planning efforts for North Decatur Square. We look forward to welcoming our new neighbor into the community and appreciate your support of this development.

Sincerely,

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