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Village of Oak Park Plan Commission
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Dear Plan Commission Members,

The Downtown Oak Park (DTOP) Board of Directors has met and discussed the most recent plans for the Oak Park Station project. We are pleased to see the return of large-scale investment in the development for this location. This particular area is overdue for commercial reinvestment and we are encouraged with what the project sets forth. The addition of high-density apartments and new retail along Lake Street should provide a valuable link between the existing chain and independent businesses.

We met with Andy Stein of Clark Street Development and Ryan McBride of Lennar Multifamily Communities. They spent time going over, in detail, the scope of this project. We are pleased with their effort to include Downtown Oak Park and its leadership in conversations related to their proposed development.

The Downtown Oak Park Board of Directors is pleased to recommend the proposed Oak Park Station development. We look forward to working together to see that the construction process is minimally disruptive for our existing downtown businesses and that Oak Park Station will rise to the high quality and attractiveness of the Oak Park community. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Max Austin-Williams at 708-383-4145.

Sincerely,

Frank Heitzman

President