

MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LIZ SHEEHAN
5TH DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER

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1000 Delaware LLC
357 Preston Ave
Lexington, KY 40502

To Whom it May Concern:

Housing availability and affordability continue to be a pressing challenge across the United States, including here in Lexington-Fayette County. As the Councilmember for the 5th District of Lexington, a member of our Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Board, and longtime housing advocate, I am writing in full support of the proposed development of the 1 acre site located at 1000 Delaware Avenue. Adding thirty-four (34) units to our housing supply – with twelve (12) units available for our neighbors earning up to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) – will positively impact our housing deficit. This proposed development also includes commercial spaces which will encourage entrepreneurship and community building near these new housing units.

This project serves as an example of adaptive reuse and infill development that is called for in our local Comprehensive Plan. Reimagining this former industrial site to become a mix of residential and commercial space will enhance Lexington's job growth and economic development opportunities, and can hopefully serve as a model for other private developers within our community to prove the viability of mixed-used, mix-rate housing options. This ideal location is near educational institutions, our downtown corridor, healthcare facilities and near a concentration of potential employers and services.

This mixed-use project is creative, a better use of land within the Urban Service Area, will help to provide critically needed housing options across all income levels, and will provide temporary construction jobs and permanent retail opportunities. I am eager to see this project begin in the summer of 2025.

Sincerely,

Liz Sheehan
5th District Councilmember

