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May 4, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposed development of EATS Groceries in the Village of Maywood. As a lifelong resident of Maywood, one of my goals is to revitalize and restore a sense of pride in the village. I support this development that would eradicate a longtime food desert. The EATS Groceries store will be an important staple in community development with an infrastructure that supports long term growth by encouraging healthy lifestyles and employment opportunities.

EATS Groceries plans to improve access to healthy foods and provide nutrition education, cooking instruction, and health-screening services to help improve conditions that plague minority communities. It will provide an affordable grocery experience in our underserved communities. I look forward to the opportunity to experience this positive initiative at work in my community.

Eats Groceries community approach offers opportunities for resident employment and local vendor contracts therefore improving Maywood's economic outlook. Their use of technology delivers effective ways to assist citizens in ways that can meet community needs in innovative ways. The EATS Groceries concept aligns with my vision to restore Maywood to a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable community.

Thank You for Your Consideration,

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Senator Kimberly A. Lightford Senate Majority Leader 4th District