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Mr. Tanner:

The General Manager of the proposed Horseshoe Casino, Mr. Chad Barnhill, attended the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) general membership meeting to discuss the plans for his Caesar's Entertainment project. After the meeting, we met to address unanswered questions, in which he alleviated certain concerns that our group had.

Originally, a variance was being sought for reduced parking space depth. The parking space depth reduction to 16-feet has been withdrawn. We are in support of 18-foot parking space depths and 25-1/2 foot drive aisle widths as suggested by Mr. Barnhill.

The remaining variance request on the table is for a 15-foot setback reduction from 30-feet along the Gwynn's Falls Trail. It is understood that the proposed building footprint along the trail is coincidental with the previous warehouse structures.

The garage was represented to hold approximately 4,000 cars on eight floors, which was presented at the FHNA meeting. This along with the Casino's desire to work with the Ravens and Orioles to provide overflow stadium parking will help relieve current parking issues which exist and are amplified during stadium events.

With these specific details understood as here-in described, we can endorse the plan as presented to the FHNA General Membership with a 4,000 car garage and a reduced 15-foot set-back to the trail.

Therefore, as the Horseshoe Casino Project presented a 4,000 car garage, this letter is in support of the Horseshoe Casino's request for a zoning variance for a 15 feet set back reduction for its garage.

If you have questions, please contact me directly at [costello.eric@gmail.com](mailto:costello.eric@gmail.com) or 607-743-8926.

Sincerely,

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