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Hi Alex.

I hope all is well. Below is my letter of support...

I write this as a long time Kern Place resident and an original member of the Uptown Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee to personally endorse the ordinance amending Title 20, Chapter 14 of the City Code to eliminate off-street parking minimums within the Downtown, Uptown, and Surrounding Neighborhoods Plan area.

This change reflects the vision laid out in the City's 2023 Master Plan and responds to clear evidence of parking oversupply in our urban core. By removing automatic parking requirements, this ordinance puts parking decisions in the hands of property owners, developers, and users, allowing projects to align with real demand instead of outdated mandates by the government. That flexibility will reduce construction costs, free up land for higher quality buildings, and encourage walkable, transit-friendly environments without affecting necessary accessible spaces.

In my work with the Parking Benefit District Advisory Committee, I've supported efforts like demand-responsive meter pricing, permit zones, and reinvesting meter revenue into neighborhood improvements. Eliminating parking minimums is a logical next step. It prevents oversupply before it happens and complements the committee's efforts to encourage smarter, more equitable growth.

I strongly urge the Council to approve this ordinance. It demonstrates El Paso's commitment to smart urban design as well as the affordability and availability of housing. I am happy to assist the City with community engagement and implementation to ensure it enhances neighborhood character and supports future development. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Charlie Intebi