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Dear National Western, City of Denver, Denver Planning Board and Denver City Council:

As neighbors and strong supporters of the National Western we are in the process of working on our requests for process improvements and detailed community benefits that will help the neighborhood feel secure in moving forward with the zoning application. We would like an agreed upon understanding, in writing, that outlines basic process and benefit assurances which we agree to, so we can support the rapid pace of the zoning application. It is important to us to have this request as part of the official record of the National Western Center Advisory Committee.

As committee members on the National Western Center's Advisory Committee (NWCAC) we remain committed to implementation of the Master Plan that we have already invested hundreds of volunteer hours into planning and meetings. The core of our commitment, however, is to our neighborhood and we need time to more directly involved in determining our own agenda, and developing what we know will ensure a cohesive partnership.

We are interested in having commitments to a decision-making around financing and governance structure that is inclusive of neighbors to the National Western for the long-term roll out and success of the project.

In the history of Globeville Elyria and Swansea neighborhoods, a lot of promises have been made and not kept. We would like to see commitments to the neighborhood outlined and written down so that future generations of leaders in the neighborhood will know what the intentional benefits are to them, and that the neighborhood residents and business owners will continue to have a significant place at the table.

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Due to a lack of confidence in the record keeping of the NWCAC, we want to submit an official letter to ensure our perspective is heard in our own words. Through this letter, we would like to say that we do not support moving forward with the zoning until an agreement in writing has been established that provides the reassurances we need as neighborhoods with several billion dollar projects on the horizon.

Thank you for your attention to this issue,

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Members of the NWCAC signed below

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