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Subject: Letter of Support for the Proposed Adrian's Geste Rezoning and Development

Dear Ms. LaPlace- Matthew and Members of the Zoning Board:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed **Adrian's Geste** rezoning located at **17 C /17C REM Adrian, 17 F-1 /17F-1A Adrian, and 17 K Adrian**. I believe this project represents an important opportunity for St. John to support thoughtful economic growth, expand housing opportunities, and create a more vibrant and sustainable community for current and future residents.

St. John continues to face significant challenges related to housing availability, economic opportunity, and the need for responsible development. Adrian's Geste offers a thoughtful approach to addressing these needs by bringing together residential, commercial, recreational, and green spaces within one well-planned development. Rather than focusing on a single use, the project recognizes that healthy communities require places for people to live, work, gather, and participate in the local economy.

The Sprauve Family's vision for Adrian's Geste presents an opportunity to invest in the future of Estate Adrian and St. John more broadly. Projects such as this can help build a stronger economic foundation, expand opportunities for residents, and create a community that is better positioned to meet the needs of future generations.

Of particular importance is the project's potential to expand housing options on St. John. The limited availability and high cost of housing affect families, young professionals, seniors, and the workforce that keeps our island functioning. Providing a variety of residential options can help accommodate different household sizes, generations, and income levels while allowing more people who work and contribute to St. John to also have the opportunity to live here. Increasing the supply and diversity of housing is essential to the island's long-term economic and social stability.

The project also has the potential to make a meaningful contribution to economic growth and opportunity. Its commercial components can create jobs, provide opportunities for local entrepreneurs and small businesses, generate additional economic activity, and give residents greater access to services, dining, and other amenities. Development of this kind can help strengthen the local economy by creating spaces where businesses can grow and where more dollars can circulate within the St. John community.

I am also encouraged by the incorporation of green space, walkability, and community-oriented areas into the overall plan. Parks and accessible outdoor spaces contribute to quality of life while creating places where neighbors and families can gather. A development that thoughtfully

connects housing, businesses, and open space can reduce dependence on vehicles, encourage greater interaction among residents, and create a stronger sense of community.

Importantly, Adrian's Geste demonstrates that economic development and responsible land use do not have to be competing priorities. With careful planning, we can accommodate growth while respecting the character, history, and natural beauty that make St. John unique. We should encourage projects that seek to address several of our most pressing needs at once—housing, employment, business development, community space, and responsible long-term growth.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Board to give this project favorable consideration and approve the necessary zoning changes to allow Adrian's Geste to move forward.

Thank you for your time, your public service, and your commitment to the future of Estate Adrian and the people of St. John.

Sincerely,



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