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Mayor, Commissioners,

I am writing this letter to urge postponement of approval for the East Ninth work plan set forth by Eldorado. Having attended the East Ninth citizen advisory committee meetings I have heard the voices of committee members, neighborhood residents and area artists. It is clear to me from these meetings that the work plan is incomplete and requires numerous amendments.

The consistent rushing of processes on this project has perpetuated a whirlwind of controversy consuming the time and energy of many. I believe that project details including the project statement of values, conservation overlay for the neighborhood and specific provisions for the inclusion of Lawrence artists must be adequately addressed and boldly expressed within the final draft of El Dorado's work-plan prior to any city approvals being made. We have the choice to make these decisions right now, constructively via the designated committee or over the next year in the city chambers. I personally prefer to address these issues up front by postponing approval of the work-plan until the aforementioned provisions are adequately outlined and expressed in a future final draft of Eldorado's work plan.

Thoughtfully,

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