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**Think Before You Click:** This email originated **outside** our organization.

Council President Jalali and Councilmember Bowie,

I wanted to write you quick on ABZA 24-1, to consider the appeal of Snelling-Midway on the BZA denial of two variance requests related to the restaurant.

As you both may remember, the Midway Chamber is supportive of phase I of the project. In reviewing this particular issue regarding a door and windows vs a mural, I believe this is an example of when the zoning code was written to cover a majority of buildings, and this is a time when a variance makes sense.

The Midway Chamber has been a longtime supporter of murals in our community as they enhance the beautification efforts and bring public art to our neighborhood. This would be a great location for a mural as the space will be viewed by so many visitors and residents alike in a highly visible area.

Throughout this process related to both Allianz Field and the surrounding United Village, there are very few complaints about design when it comes to Dr. Bill McGuire. He has a stellar track record on understanding design elements, and this is another example of how we can get a more attractive use of the building's wall.

It is the hope of the Midway Chamber that you support the appeal. As always, we appreciate your past votes in support of United Village and look forward to continuing to be a part of this conversation as we watch a major project unfold in the Midway.

Chad

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