



RANCH Triangle Community Conservation Association

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Via E-Mail

Alderman Brian Hopkins
2nd Ward
1400 N. Ashland Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

Dear Alderman Hopkins:

Thank you for your August 27, 2018 letter. Our only concern is to ensure a transparent community review. The process has, thus far, been highly unusual.

The proposed planned development has already been filed with the city prior to the completion of a community process. It is not the usual course having citizen stakeholders to "wander in the dark" for months on a proposed development without substantive information provided by a private developer.

Additionally, as you know, Sterling Bay offered to meet with the president and planning chair of each of the community groups, and not the actual groups at a regular public meeting. This too is unprecedented. Since we feel this is curtailing public input on a development of this size, RANCH is being forced to stand strong in defense of open, inclusive community dialogue.

We request you commit to at least three community-wide meetings after real, detailed information is provided (i.e., the master plan for Lincoln Yards) and prior to the Lincoln Yards planned development proposal being officially reviewed by the Plan Commission. This is a modest request given your past assurances that the process will take as long as it takes. With this commitment, RANCH will informally meet with Sterling Bay.

We hope you will preserve the community voice in this "once-in-a generation development" by agreeing to appropriate community-wide discussion at this critical moment in the future of our neighborhood and this city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reatha Kay", written in a cursive style.

Reatha Kay, President
RANCH Triangle Community Conservation Association

cc: Adam Gypalo, Vice President, Resolute Consulting LLC
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