



To Whom It May Concern:

The St. Johns Neighborhood Association is writing in support of Farid Bolouri's development - the Union at St. Johns. We have been very pleased with the level of feedback Mr. Bolouri has sought from the neighborhood and, overall, feel like this will be a positive addition to the St. Johns neighborhood.

There are a few concerns that the St. Johns Neighborhood Association and the St. Johns Main Street Coalition have identified and would like to see addressed. Our organizations have been working together and will be working with Mr. Bolouri and his team in the coming months on the following initiatives:

- Having Farid sit down with the Housing Development Center and/or Portland Housing Bureau to learn about potential affordable housing resources or potential partners. We are committed to bringing more affordable housing into the neighborhood and consider this to be a top priority for St. Johns.
- Ensuring that our iconic St. Johns marquee is preserved and placed somewhere visible on Mr. Bolouri's property (ideally in the public plaza);
- Having Mr. Bolouri and his team incorporate at least native greenery into both of the plaza spaces to help offset the loss of greenery from the traffic island;
- Investing in a marketing campaign for the business district during construction to ensure that customers know that business is open as usual;
- Ensuring that a memorandum of understanding is developed and signed between the public library and the Union at St. Johns regarding the use of the shared parking lot;
- Working with PBOT to monitor traffic on N Charleston and N Richmond to manage cut-through and fast-moving traffic (especially in front of James John elementary school) and address issues with speed bumps and/or diverters if/where necessary

We are confident that these initiatives can easily be achieved and look forward to Mr. Bolouri's support.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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