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Ms. Koster,

I would like to comment on the zoning change request by LBWN for the property at 3334,36 W National Ave. I have lived on Shea Ave for almost 20 years the entire time the building in question has been an eyesore, as late as a month ago I was doing landscaping on the lot line to keep it from looking horrible obviously I believe LBWN would be a vast improvement in that area. I have volunteered many hours with Silver City Main Street and have found both them and LBWN an asset to our neighborhood. I have been impressed that they (LBWN) put the project on hold to allow a neighbor to try to purchase the property for herself. Because she could not get financing LBWN has renewed the project, I understand they are trying to get the people living there now homes of their own. It tells me they do put the community first and would be an asset to the Silver City Neighborhood. I have put literally 100's of volunteer hours into converting an empty lot into a community garden, the garden will border the new LBWN center and I am told they would like to "partner" with us giving us a source of water, and electric that would allow us to take the project to a new level. We (the neighborhood) could turn the corner of Shea and National into a real jewel. I understand some have raised parking issues about the center, during the 100's of hours I spent in the garden, I found the street parking on National almost always empty, it could easily accomodate visitor parking while employees would park on site. I have been told some of the people that have raised the strongest objections are the same ones who tried every way they could to stop the garden, now that the garden is almost done I would like to point out that every single objection they raised has been proven wrong. Changing the zoning to allow LBWN to renovate the property at 3334-36 National would be a benefit to our neighborhood, I hope you will join me in supporting the change.

Thank You