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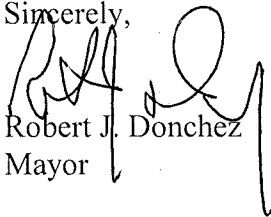
RE: 14-18 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street COA Application

Historic Conservation Commission members,

On Monday, April 19, 2021 you will again be considering the submission for the demolition of 14-18 West Third Street and the subsequent development of new infill construction at that site. This project has my support for several reasons. This project includes the redevelopment of a critical corridor on the Southside, replacing a parking lot and deteriorated structures with a mixed use building. It provides a new anchor in south Bethlehem's struggling western gateway area. The West Third Street corridor is challenged with the vacant lots, the high vehicular traffic and wide intersections at Broadhead and lack of pedestrian activity along this corridor. This anchor building begins to connect the western gateway to the downtown and to provide important pedestrian interaction with the street. This project includes the addition of much needed residential units in the city. Quality rental units are in demand and the influx of new residents can support the first floor commercial space, as well as other businesses in the Southside Arts District.

This project is a significant investment for Joseph C. Posh Properties and has continued to incorporate the feedback provided by the Commission into the project. I appreciate the time and consideration the Commission has shown this project and I ask that you approve this project so it can move forward.

Sincerely,

  
Robert J. Donchez  
Mayor