

[Draft] Fw: Letter support from Erik Clemons

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Dear Legislative Committee,

I'm writing to urge your support for the zoning text amendment allowing museums as a permitted use in Industrial Light (IL) districts.

This is a straightforward policy question: are museums compatible use in IL zones? In practice, they are low impact—generating less noise, traffic, and disruption than many previous uses that have been allowed as of right.

This is the amendment also aligns directly with Vision 2034, which calls for expanding arts and cultural access beyond downtown, and into neighborhoods. Many IL areas are located next to residential communities, making them ideal for accessible, neighborhood-based cultural and educational uses.

From an economic standpoint, active uses matter. Cultural institutions generate visitors, support nearby businesses and contribute to neighborhood vitality.

This change does not eliminate industrial zoning— it simply allows a broader range of compatible uses where appropriate.

I respectfully ask for your support.

Yours Truly,

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