

Middlesex London Food Policy Council Paul Shand, Chairperson London, ON

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By E-mail: cparker@london.ca

City of London

City Planning Department

Attn: Chuck Parker 206 Dundas Street London ON N6A 1G7

Dear Mr. Parker:

Re: Zoning By-Law Amendment, File Z-9060

Please accept this letter of support for the proposed by-law amendment known as File Z-9060. Please also provide this letter of support to the City of London Council.

The Middlesex London Food Policy Council (MLFPC) envisions a community that sustains a healthy, safe, equitable and ecologically responsible food system for the nourishment of all our residents. We work to improve food systems, to stimulate economic development, increase environmental sustainability and promote social justice within Middlesex County and the City of London.

The MLFPC are volunteers from throughout the food system, including members representing: local government; local Indigenous groups; rural and urban farmers; education and research institutions; food service, distribution and processing; and youth. The London Food Bank and the Middlesex London Health Unit provide coordination and trustee support through ex-officio members.

The Middlesex-London Food Policy Council supports the proposed by-law amendment known as file Z-9060. As part of our mandate to improve local food systems, we will advocate for regulatory changes that encourage our community to engage in activities like urban agriculture, which can be part of heathy and vibrant local food systems. The proposed amendments outlined in File Z-9060 appear to be supportive of urban agriculture activity in London and could serve to increase access to local produce. We look forward to continued action by the City of London to promote urban agriculture and to generally support local food systems, to stimulate economic development, increase environmental sustainability and promote social justice within the City of London.

Sincerely,

Paul Shand, Chairperson