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Mr. Brian Lockley City of McKinney Director of Planning/Planning Department 221 N. Tennessee Street McKinney, Texas 75069

RE: Wilson District

The Wilson District sits on a tract of land at the north edge of the McKinney city limits. It is roughly 112 acres bounded by U.S. 75 to the east, Laud Howell Parkway to the south, and Trinity Falls Parkway to the north. A large portion of this tract resides within the current 100 year floodplain, with the aim being to dig large ponds to lift roughly two-thirds of the property out of it. The property is currently zoned as "AG"; hence, any new development plan that deviates from this "base" zoning must be rezoned. Our proposal for your consideration is a new PD that will effectively rezone the full acreage as a mixed use development designed with sub-districts that that are complemented by a form-based code. This code will ensure a level of performance that is desired by the City, while also allowing for the flexibility sought by individual site developers.

With the full support of the ownership of the property and using the City's vision per its Comprehensive Plan for the site, our objective of this submission is to foster a significant regional employment center with neighborhood retail and residential uses, by preparing a master plan as an urban and highly walkable mixed use development that will include office, restaurant, retail and residential.

Our team is excited to be presenting this submission to you for your consideration, and look forward to proceeding through the administrative process for this important site in your city.

Regards, **GFF PLANNING** 

Brian E. Moore, AICP Director Principal

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