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SUBJECT: REZ 2024-075: 2040 Comprehensive Plan Consistency
LOCATION: 7852 Arboretum Drive (PID: 1344177)
DESCRIPTION: Zoning Change Request from **O-15(CD)** to **O-15(CD)** -- 1.3 acres.

The Long-Range Division of the Planning, Design and Development Department offers the following comments on the above referenced rezoning petition. Please communicate these comments with the petitioner to the greatest extent practical and incorporate into the public hearing staff analysis report.

Plan Consistency: This petition is **CONSISTENT** with the 2040 Policy Map recommendation for **Community Activity Center (CAC)**. The table below represents elements of CAC Place Types:

Land Uses	Typical uses are retail, restaurant and entertainment, and personal services. Some multi-family and office may also be located in this Place Type. In Transit Station Areas, multi-family and/or office may be primary uses. Some types of auto-oriented uses, well-designed to support walkability, may be located outside of the core of this Place Type.
Character	This Place Type is characterized by low to mid-rise commercial, residential, civic/institutional, and mixed-use buildings in a pedestrian-oriented environment.
Mobility	Includes a transportation network that supports highly accessible “10-minute neighborhoods” and a “park once” environment. Typically located at or near key intersections or on major arterials with transit service. Easy access and direct connections to nearby residential neighborhoods help reduce trip lengths, keeps some cars off the arterials, and encourages transit use, walking, or bicycling. The local street network is well-connected, with small blocks and highly walkable connections along streets and between destinations.
Building Form	The typical building is a commercial, institutional, multi-family or mixed-use building of five to seven stories. Some buildings in Transit Station Areas are taller. Buildings are designed with active ground floor uses to support a vibrant pedestrian environment. They have tall ground floors and a high degree of transparency using clear glass windows and doors.

Rationale for Recommendation: The petition could facilitate the following 2040 Comprehensive Plan Goals:



Goal 1: 10-Minute Neighborhoods – All Charlotte households should have access to essential amenities, goods, and services within a comfortable and tree-shaded 10-minute walk, bike, or transit trip by 2040. **This petition could support this goal based on the list of permitted uses.**



Goal 5: Safe & Equitable Mobility – Charlotte will provide safe and equitable mobility options for all travelers regardless of age, income, ability, race, where they live, or how they choose to travel. An integrated system of transit and tree-shaded bikeways, sidewalks, shared-use paths, and streets will support a sustainable, connected, prosperous, and innovative network that connects all Charlotteans to each other, jobs, housing, amenities, goods, services and the region. **The subject property is along a high-capacity transit route. It is along the CATS bus route 51.**



Goal 8: Diverse & Resilient Economic Opportunity – Charlotteans will have opportunity for upward economic mobility through access to a diverse mix of jobs and careers that align with education and skill levels of residents and the economic strengths of the region. **The petition could support this goal based on the permitted uses.**