

February 14, 2023

City of Detroit Planning Commission

**RE: Public Hearing February 16, 2023  
Ibrahim Bazzi Request for Rezoning – 6181 Cadieux**

As thirty-year residents of East English Village, we are writing to support Mr. Bazzi's request to amend the current zoning at 6181 Cadieux to B4-General Business District in order to accommodate his proposed plan to build a Savvy Slider fast food restaurant with drive-up or drive through capacity. This site has remained vacant for too many years and we believe the location is appropriate for this type of business and will provide additional jobs for local residents as well as added tax revenue. A review of the proposed site plan and building footprint would indicate that there is plenty of space to address any cars coming into the location and avoiding a potential backup hazard on Cadieux.

While we are not big proponents of fast-food chains, we found the photograph (attached) of other new Savvy Slider locations to be attractive and suitable for the Cadieux site. We do have one concern and this is the primary concern expressed by our area residents/local businesses – the potential for additional traffic issues in the Harper/Cadieux area. Rush Hour Traffic (4-6 PM) is already a problem with significant congestion heading both North and South along Cadieux. **We would like to see site signage indicating: “No Left Turn” (for cars heading North) and “Right Turn Only” (for cars exiting the location and heading South) during these peak hours.** This issue has been reviewed with Mr. Bazzi who indicated this was amenable to review.

My husband and I are both actively engaged in East English Village – Chris has been Block Captain for 26 years, and I have served on the EEVA Board for more than 15 years currently as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. We believe that Mr. Bazzi has been a good community partner for more than thirty-five years – currently owning and operating the BP gas station at Outer Drive/Harper, a Detroit Green Light location. Mr. Bazzi recently presented at our EEV February 8, 2023 General Meeting and responded to the residents' concerns. Several individuals spoke favorably about Mr. Bazzi's character and commitment to safety and the well being of residents living near his existing business as well as his long-term employees.

We believe that Mr. Bazzi and the Savvy Slider franchise will prove to be a good addition and positive community partner. We endorse his request that the Detroit Planning Commission consider and approve the request to rezone this parcel to B4-General Business District. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maureen & Chris Dritsan  
3867 Bishop Street, Detroit, MI 48224

