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Community Development Department Planning & Zoning Division 111 E. Maple Independence, MO 64050

Re: Application for Rezoning of 501 & 505 N. Dodgion

Attached, please find an application and required supporting documentation for rezoning and minor subdivision of property owned by Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, Inc. addressed as 501 & 505 N. Dodgion, 64050.

It is our understanding that rezoning from I-1 & C-2/HL to C-3 & C-3/HL is required in order to meet the requirements of the City's Uniform Development Code so that our organization may improve the former Young School building located on 505 N. Dodgion and establish its use as our administrative office and homeownership education center, and also continue the existing use of the building located at 501 N. Dodgion as a Habitat ReStore recycling center and Truman Habitat's construction shop.

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, Inc. is a nonprofit housing developer and has owned the subject properties since 2011, having acquired it from the Independence School District to establish a primary place of business. The Habitat ReStore has been in operation as a licensed business and recycling center since 2012. Until now, the Young School building, which is immediately south and adjacent to the Habitat ReStore building, was held vacant while Truman Habitat worked to raise the funds for its renovation.

It is Truman Habitat's intention to fully restore the Young School, a Historic Landmark designated by the City of Independence as significant and worthy of preservation, and return it to use for our purposes in serving the community's needs for homeownership support and education services. In order to accommodate our project budget, the needs of the building/property, requirements of the UDO and the City's standards for rehabilitation it has been determined necessary and desirable to replat the existing separate lots, combining them into one parcel.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Respectfully, Christina Leakey President & CEO