

January 8, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter in support of Peter Kammerer and his project at 245 Carpenter Street. Peter grew up in Providence and this project is an expansion of a family-owned business that has been on North Main Street since the 1960s. Peter has lived in the West End for almost a decade. He now owns a home and is raising a family on Hudson Street. Peter cares deeply about the city of Providence and his neighborhood community. Peter is a sensitive and thoughtful person, and he has brought that extreme care to the project at 245 Carpenter Street.

The aspect of Luongo Square has been greatly enhanced over the past few years by the renovation and repair of the historic buildings on the square and the creation of a park-like island that features a fountain designed to replicate the horse fountain that once existed there. Businesses like the Avery and Big King have thrived in the square, as have businesses adjacent to the square like Bucktown and the E&O. Like Peter's project proposal, many of these businesses occupy sites that are historically commercial spaces. Bucktown was the Fountain Spa. The Avery was the Decatur Lounge.

Peter's project is consistent with the historic commercial use of the space. 245 Carpenter as far back as the 1920s housed a barbershop and shoe repair. Today, Peter plans to open a business that will enhance the life of the square without competing with existing businesses on the square or creating excessive activity or traffic.

I commend Peter for his thoughtfulness and sensitivity to the neighborhood and larger community. I support Peter's project at 245 Carpenter Street.

I am a local writer, researcher and educator. I lived in the West End from 2011 to 2017 and much of my work has been focused on the history of the west side of Providence. In particular, I collaborated with the WBNA on a series of interpretive panels about the history of Luongo Square that was funded by the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities. Please contact me with any **questions or concerns at 917-459-3393 or via email at [taylor.polites@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.polites@gmail.com).**

Sincerely,



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