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Paul Novak, Hearing Officer  
City of Pasadena  
Department of Planning and Development  
VIA EMAIL to [tmolinar@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:tmolinar@cityofpasadena.net)

**re: CUP #6807: 790 N. LAKE AVENUE**

Dear Mr. Novak,

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce is fully supportive of the application by Chick-fil-A to build and operate a restaurant at 790 North Lake Avenue.

Chick-fil-A already operates a restaurant on East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. That restaurant is expertly run and provides a first-rate product to its customers. Further, the operator hires from the local community and devotes much of her personal time in support of local schools and non-profits. She has been the keynote speaker for events supporting youth internships in Pasadena, the Salvation Army and many more. I expect the owner-operator of the North Lake store would also support our local community.

I have seen the plans for the Chick-fil-A restaurant on North Lake and sincerely believe it will be beneficial to the area, the City of Pasadena and the surrounding neighborhood. The store is attractive, well designed for the use and the queue for cars waiting to order and pick up via the drive-thru is more than adequate. The Chick-fil-A will be more pedestrian friendly than the existing Carl's Jr. as it will have more welcoming dine-in opportunities on the patio area and be situated closer to Lake Avenue.

I am very aware of the site and neighborhood concerns as I live in Bungalow Heaven and served for many years on the Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood Association board prior to my election to the City Council representing District 2. Some may be concerned about overflow traffic in the neighborhood, however, Boylston Street is blocked so traffic from the restaurant site cannot use it to cut through the adjoining residential streets and it is much more efficient to access the site from Lake Avenue. Further, the site already is home to Carl's Jr. and any traffic issues would be evident now-but are not.

I encourage you to support the application for Conditional Use Permit 6807 and approve the construction of the Chick-fil-A at 790 North Lake Avenue.

Thank you,



Paul Little  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Cc: D. Reyes,