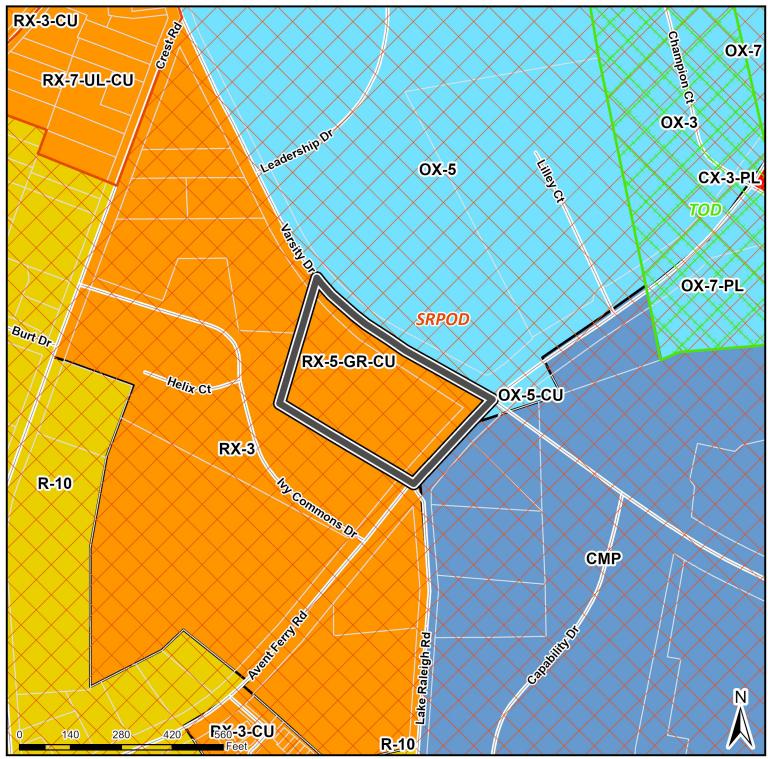
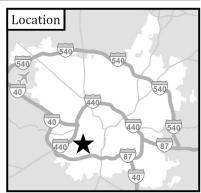
# **Existing Zoning**

## **Z-50-2023**



Property	1530 Varsity Drive
Size	3 acres
Existing Zoning	RX-5-GR-CU w/ SRPOD
Requested Zoning	RX-7-UL-CU (Remove SRPOD)



## **Rezoning Application and Checklist**



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Please complete all sections of the form and upload via the Permit and Development Portal (permitportal.raleighnc.gov). Please see page 11 for information about who may submit a rezoning application. A rezoning application will not be considered complete until all required submittal components listed on the Rezoning Checklist have been received and approved. For questions email rezoning@raleighnc.gov.

**Rezoning Request** 

Rezoning		General u	se 🗸	Cond	ditiona	ıl use		Mas	ter plan	OFFICE USE ONLY
Туре		Text change to zoning conditions					Rezoning case #			
Existing zoning base d	istric	t: RX	Heigh	Height: 5 Frontage: GR			Overlay(s): SRPOD			
Proposed zoning base	distı	rict: RX	Heigh	ıt: 7		Fr	Frontage: UL			Overlay(s):
<b>Helpful Tip</b> : View the Zoning Map to search for the address to be rezoned, then turn on the 'Zoning' and 'Overlay' layers.										
If the property has bee	n pre	eviously rez	oned, p	orovide	the re	ezoning	case	numb	er:	
				Gene	ral Inf	formation	on			
Date:			Date a	mende	ed (1):				Date am	ended (2):
Property address: 1530	Var	sity Drive								
Property PIN: 07934723	384									
Deed reference (book/page): 6661/628										
Nearest intersection: V	Nearest intersection: Varsity Drive & Avent Ferry Road Property size (acres): 3.00									
For planned developme	ent		Total u	ınits:					Total squ	uare footage:
applications only:			Total parcels:				Total buildings:			
Property owner name a	and a	address: Do	bs, Inc							
Property owner email:										
Property owner phone:										
Applicant name and address: Samuel Morris, Longleaf Law Partners										
Applicant email: smorris@longleaflp.com										
Applicant phone: (919) DocuSigned by:										
Applicant signature(s):										
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Conditional Use District Zoning Conditions					
Zoning case #:	Date submitted:	OFFICE USE ONLY Rezoning case #			
Existing zoning: RX-5-GR-CU	Proposed zoning: RX-7-UL-CU				

Narrative of Zoning Conditions Offered						
1. The following Principal Uses as listed in UDO Section 6.1.4. that are permitted, limited, or special uses in the RX- District shall be prohibited: (i) cemetery.						

The property owner(s) hereby offers, consents to, and agrees to abide, if the rezoning request is approved, the conditions written above. All property owners must sign each condition page. This page may be photocopied if additional space is needed.

—Docusigned by:

Printed Name: Judy Coggins

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#### Rezoning Application Addendum #1 Comprehensive Plan Analysis OFFICE USE ONLY The applicant is asked to analyze the impact of the rezoning request and Rezoning case # its consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. The applicant is also asked to explain how the rezoning request is reasonable and in the public interest.

#### **Statement of Consistency**

Provide brief statements regarding whether the rezoning request is consistent with the future land use designation, the urban form map, and any applicable policies contained within the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

- 1. The request seeks to maintain the property's RX- zoning designation. The property is designated as Neighborhood Mixed Use on the Future Land Use Map, which supports mixed and multifamily housing uses. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan provides that NX is the closest corresponding zoning district for this land use designation. This property is currently zoned RX, and the RX district permits higher-density residential and several retail uses, much like the NX district. Therefore, the request to maintain the existing RX- District is generally consistent with the Neighborhood Mixed Use future land use designation.
- 2. For properties falling within the Neighborhood Mixed Use future land use designation, Table LU-2 of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan encourages heights up to five (5) stories in core/transit areas, seven (7) stories in neighborhood centers, and up to twelve (12) stories in emerging urban centers. The property is located within a Frequent Transit Area, and is located in close proximity to a Mixed Use center and future BRT station. The property is also located directly across from the NCSU Centennial Campus Zoning District, which includes heights of 7, 12, and up to 28 stories. Given the surrounding zoning, the transit-rich context, and the demand for increased housing options in this area, the request to rezone to 7 stories in height is appropriate.
- 3. The property falls within a Frequent Transit Area on the Urban Form Map. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan provides that an urban or hybrid approach to frontage is recommended. The rezoning request seeks an Urban Limited (-UL) frontage, which is consistent with this guidance.
- 4. The rezoning request seeks to remove the Special Residential Parking Overlay District (-SRPOD), Given that the request also seeks an Urban Limited (-UL) frontage, the goals of the SRPOD may be inconsistent with the goals of the UL frontage. The UL frontage is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan policies for the assemblage, and is more appropriate for the intended multi-family housing use at the site.
- 5. The rezoning request is consistent with the following Comprehensive Plan policies: LU 1.2 (Future Land Use Map and Zoning Consistency); LU 8.1 (Housing Variety); LU 2.2 (Compact Development); LU 2.5 (Healthy Communities); LU 4.5 (Connectivity); Table LU-5 (Transit Station Areas); LU 4.6 (Transit-oriented development); LU 4.7 (Capitalizing on Transit Access); LU 5.1 (Reinforcing the Urban Pattern); LU 6.2 (Complementary Land Uses and Urban Vitality); PR 1.8 (Integrate Parks and Transportation Options); PR 3.8 (Multi-modal Integration); EP 1.1 (Greenhouse Gas Reduction); UD 1.10 (Frontage); H 1.8 (Zoning for Housing).

#### **Public Benefits**

Provide brief statements explaining how the rezoning request is reasonable and in the public interest.

- 1. The rezoning request is reasonable and in the public interest because it provides for additional residential amenities within walking distance to existing commercial uses along Western Boulevard, and to North Carolina State University's South Campus and Centennial Campus.
- 2. The rezoning request increases the area's housing variety and housing supply.
- 3. The rezoning request locates density within a Core Transit Area, and in close proximity to the existing frequent bus network, and an intended BRT corridor.

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Rezoning Application Addendum #2					
Impact on Historic Resources					
The applicant is asked to analyze the impact of the rezoning request on historic resources. For the purposes of this section, a historic resource is defined as any site, structure, sign, or other feature of the property to be rezoned that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designated by the City of Raleigh as a landmark or contributing to a	OFFICE USE ONLY Rezoning case #				
Historic Overlay District.					
Inventory of Historic Resources					
List in the space below all historic resources located on the property to be re- how the proposed zoning would impact the resource.	zoned. For each resource, indicate				
NA					
Proposed Mitigation					
Provide brief statements describing actions that will be taken to mitigate all ne	egative impacts listed above.				
NA					

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### **Urban Design Guidelines Addendum**



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#### **Urban Design Guidelines**

The Applicant must respond to the Urban Design Guidelines contained in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan if:

- a) The property to be rezoned is within a "City Growth Center", "Mixed-Use Center", or "Transit Station Areas", OR;
- b) The property to be rezoned is located along a "Main Street" or "Transit Emphasis Corridor" as shown on the Urban Form Map in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

#### Policy UD 7.3:

The Design Guidelines in Table UD-1 shall be used to review rezoning petitions and development applications for mixed-use developments; or rezoning petitions and development applications along Main Street and Transit Emphasis Corridors or in City Growth, TOD and Mixed-Use Centers, including preliminary site plans and development plans, petitions for the application of Downtown Overlay Districts, Planned Development Districts, and Conditional Use zoning petitions.

Conditio	onal Use zoning petitions.					
Urban F	Form Designation: Frequent Transit Area	Click here to view the Urban Form map.				
4	All mixed-use developments should generally provide retail (such as eating establishments, food stores, and banks), and other uses such as office and residential within walking distance of each other. Mixed uses should be arranged in a compact and pedestrian-friendly form.					
1	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.					
		acent to lower density neighborhoods should transition the lower heights or be comparable in height and massing.				
2	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipat	tes compliance with this guidance.				
3	A mixed-use area's road network should connect directly into the neighborhood road network of the surrounding community, providing multiple paths for movement to and through the mixed-use area. In way, trips made from the surrounding residential neighborhood(s) to the mixed-use area should be po without requiring travel along a major street. Preferred and discouraged street networks.					
J	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.					
4	Streets should interconnect within a development and with adjoining development. Cul-de-sacs or dead-end streets are generally discouraged except where topographic conditions and/or exterior lot line configurations offer no practical alternatives for connection or through traffic. Street stubs should be provided with development adjacent to open land to provide for future connections. Streets should be planned with due regard to the designated corridors shown on the Street Plan. Streets should connect adjacent developments.					
Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with the Raleigh Street Plan.						

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_	New development should be composed of blocks of public and/or private streets (including sidewalks).  Block faces should have a length generally not exceeding 660 feet. Where commercial driveways are used to create block structure, they should include the same pedestrian amenities as public or private streets.
5	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
6	A primary task of all urban architecture and landscape design is the physical definition of streets and public spaces as places of shared use. Streets should be lined by buildings rather than parking lots and should provide interest especially for pedestrians. Garage entrances and/or loading areas should be located at the side or rear of a property.
	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
7	Buildings should be located close to the pedestrian-oriented street (within 25 feet of the curb), with off-street parking behind and/or beside the buildings. When a development plan is located along a high-volume corridor without on-street parking, one bay of parking separating the building frontage along the corridor is a preferred option.
	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	If the site is located at a street intersection, the main building of a complex or main part of a single building should be placed at the corner. Parking, loading, or service should not be located at an intersection.
8	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	To ensure that urban open space is well-used, it is essential to locate and design it carefully. The space should be located where it is visible and easily accessible from public areas (building entrances, sidewalks). Take views and sun exposure into account as well.
9	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
40	New urban spaces should contain direct access from the adjacent streets. They should be open along the adjacent sidewalks and allow for multiple points of entry. They should also be visually permeable from the sidewalk, allowing passersby to see directly into the space.
10	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	The perimeter of urban open spaces should consist of active uses that provide pedestrian traffic for the space including retail, cafés, and restaurants and higher-density residential.
11	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	A properly defined urban open space is visually enclosed by the fronting of buildings to create an outdoor "room" that is comfortable to users.
12	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.

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	New public spaces should provide seating opportunities.
13	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	Parking lots should not dominate the frontage of pedestrian-oriented streets, interrupt pedestrian routes, or negatively impact surrounding developments.
14	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	Parking lots should be located behind or in the interior of a block whenever possible. Parking lots should no occupy more than 1/3 of the frontage of the adjacent building or not more than 64 feet, whichever is less.
15	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.
16	Parking structures are clearly an important and necessary element of the overall urban infrastructure, but, given their utilitarian elements, can have serious negative visual effects. New structures should merit the same level of materials and finishes as that a principal building would. Care in the use of basic design elements can make a significant improvement.
	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	Higher building densities and more intensive land uses should be within walking distance of transit stops, permitting public transit to become a viable alternative to the automobile.
17	Response: The proposed rezoning is located within a Frequent Transit Area and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	Convenient, comfortable pedestrian access between the transit stop and the building entrance should be planned as part of the overall pedestrian network.
18	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.
19	All development should respect natural resources as an essential component of the human environment. The most sensitive landscape areas, both environmentally and visually, are steep slopes greater than 15 percent, watercourses, and floodplains. Any development in these areas should minimize intervention and maintain the natural condition except under extreme circumstances. Where practical, these features should be conserved as open space amenities and incorporated in the overall site design.
	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.
20	All development should incorporate high-quality, productive landscapes that serve multiple functions. Such functions include noise mitigation and absorption; capturing and cleaning of particulate matter; collection and filtering of stormwater; and reduction of the urban heat island effect. Strategies include green walls, trellises, carefully planted trees, green infrastructure, and green roofs.
	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.

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21	It is the intent of these guidelines to build streets that are integral components of community design. Public and private streets, as well as commercial driveways that serve as primary pedestrian pathways to building entrances, should be designed as the main public spaces of the city and should be scaled for pedestrians.
21	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	Sidewalks should be 5-8 feet wide in residential areas and located on both sides of the street. Sidewalks in commercial areas and other areas where walkability is a focus should be a minimum of 14-18 feet wide to accommodate sidewalk uses such as vendors, merchandising, and outdoor seating.
22	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with all required right of way improvements consistent with this guidance.
23	Streets should be designed with street trees planted in a manner appropriate to their function. Commercial streets should have trees that complement the face of the buildings and that shade the sidewalk. Residential streets should provide for an appropriate tree canopy, which shadows both the street and sidewalk and serves as a visual buffer between the street and the home. The typical width of the street landscape strip is 6-8 feet. This width ensures healthy street trees, precludes tree roots from breaking the sidewalk, and provides adequate pedestrian buffering. Street trees should be at least 6 ¼" caliper and should be consistent with the city's landscaping, lighting, and street sight distance requirements.
	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	Buildings should define the streets spatially. Proper spatial definition should be achieved with buildings or other architectural elements (including certain tree plantings) that make up the street edges aligned in a disciplined manner with an appropriate ratio of height to width.
24	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	The primary entrance should be both architecturally and functionally on the front facade of any building facing the primary public street. Such entrances should be designed to convey their prominence on the fronting facade.
25	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	The ground level of the building should offer pedestrian interest along sidewalks. This includes windows, entrances, and architectural details. Signage, awnings, and ornamentation are encouraged.
26	Response: The proposed rezoning provides an urban frontage and otherwise anticipates compliance with this guidance.
	The sidewalks should be the principal place of pedestrian movement and casual social interaction. Designs and uses should be complementary to that function.
27	Response: The proposed rezoning anticipates compliance with this guidance.

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Rezoning Checklist (Submittal Requirements)						
To be completed by Applicant	To be	To be completed by staff				
General Requirements – General Use or Conditional Use Rezoning	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	
I have referenced this <b>Rezoning Checklist</b> and by using this as a guide, it will ensure that I receive a complete and thorough first review by the City of Raleigh	<b>√</b>					
2. Pre-application conference.	$\checkmark$					
3. Neighborhood meeting notice and report	$\checkmark$					
4. Rezoning application review fee (see <u>Fee Guide</u> for rates).	$\checkmark$					
Completed application submitted through Permit and Development     Portal	<b>√</b>					
6. Completed Comprehensive Plan consistency analysis	<b>✓</b>					
7. Completed response to the urban design guidelines	<b>√</b>					
8. Two sets of stamped envelopes addressed to all property owners and tenants of the rezoning site(s) and within 500 feet of area to be rezoned.	<b>✓</b>					
9. Trip generation study		<b>✓</b>				
10. Traffic impact analysis		$\checkmark$				
For properties requesting a Conditional Use District:						
11. Completed zoning conditions, signed by property owner(s).	<b>√</b>					
If applicable, see page 11:						
12. Proof of Power of Attorney or Owner Affidavit.		<b>✓</b>				
For properties requesting a Planned Development or Campus District:						
13. Master plan (see Master Plan submittal requirements).		<b>✓</b>				
For properties requesting a text change to zoning conditions:						
14. Redline copy of zoning conditions with proposed changes.		<b>√</b>				
15. Proposed conditions signed by property owner(s).		<b>✓</b>				

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Master Plan (Submittal Requirements)							
To be completed by Applicant					To be completed by staff		
General Requirements – Master Plan	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	N/A		
1. I have referenced this <b>Master Plan Checklist</b> and by using this as a guide, it will ensure that I receive a complete and thorough first review by the City of Raleigh.		<b>√</b>					
2. Total number of units and square feet		$\checkmark$					
3. 12 sets of plans		<b>✓</b>					
4. Completed application; submitted through Permit & Development Portal		$\checkmark$					
5. Vicinity Map		<b>✓</b>					
6. Existing Conditions Map		<b>✓</b>					
7. Street and Block Layout Plan		$\checkmark$					
8. General Layout Map/Height and Frontage Map		<b>✓</b>					
9. Description of Modification to Standards, 12 sets		$\checkmark$					
10. Development Plan (location of building types)		<b>✓</b>					
11. Pedestrian Circulation Plan		<b>✓</b>					
12. Parking Plan		<b>✓</b>					
13. Open Space Plan		<b>✓</b>					
14. Tree Conservation Plan (if site is 2 acres or more)		<b>✓</b>					
15. Major Utilities Plan/Utilities Service Plan		<b>√</b>					
16. Generalized Stormwater Plan		$\checkmark$					
17. Phasing Plan		<b>✓</b>					
18. Three-Dimensional Model/renderings		<b>✓</b>					
19. Common Signage Plan		<b>✓</b>					

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#### Who Can Initiate a Zoning Request?

If requesting to down-zone property, the rezoning application must be signed by all the property owners whose property is subject to the downzoning. Downzoning is defined as a zoning ordinance that affects an area of land in one of the following ways:

- 1. By decreasing the development density of the land to be less dense than was allowed under its previous usage.
- 2. By reducing the permitted uses of the land that are specified in a zoning ordinance or land development regulation to fewer uses than were allowed under its previous usage.

If requesting to rezone property to a conditional district, the rezoning application must be signed by all owners of the property to be included in the district. For purposes of the application only (not the zoning conditions), the City will accept signatures on behalf of the property owner from the following:

- 1. the property owner;
- 2. an attorney acting on behalf of the property owner with an executed power of attorney; or
- 3. a person authorized to act on behalf of the property owner with an executed owner's affidavit.

An owner's affidavit must be made under oath, properly notarized and, at a minimum, include the following information:

- The property owner's name and, if applicable, the property owner's title and organization name.
- The address, PIN and Deed Book/Page Number of the property.
- A statement that the person listed as the property owner is the legal owner of the property described.
- The name of the person authorized to act on behalf of the property owner as the applicant. If applicable, the authorized person's title and organization name.
- A statement that the property owner, as legal owner of the described property, hereby gives authorization
  and permission to the authorized person, to submit to the City of Raleigh an application to rezone the
  described property.
- A statement that the property owner understands and acknowledges that zoning conditions must be signed, approved and consented to by the property owner.
- The property owner's signature and the date the property owner signed the affidavit.

If requesting to rezone property to a general use district that is not a down-zoning, the rezoning application may be signed, for the purpose of initiating the request, by property owners or third-party applicants.

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#### REZONING OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF +/- 3.00 ACRES, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF VARSITY DRIVE AND AVENT FERRY ROAD, IN THE CITY OF RALEIGH

# REPORT OF NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING WITH ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS ON July 27, 2023

Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance, a neighborhood meeting was held with respect to a potential rezoning with adjacent property owners and tenants on Thursday, July 27, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. The property considered for this potential rezoning totals approximately 3.00 acres and is located at the intersection of Varsity Drive and Avent Ferry Road in the City of Raleigh, having an address of 1530 Varsity Drive (Wake County Parcel Identification Number 0793472384). This meeting was held at the Pullen Community Center in Activity Room 112 B (408 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27606). All owners and tenants of property within 500 feet of the subject property were invited to attend the meeting. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a copy of the neighborhood meeting notice. A copy of the required mailing list for the meeting invitations is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. A list of the individuals who attended the meeting is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. A summary of the items discussed at the meeting is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

#### **EXHIBIT A – NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING NOTICE**



To: Neighboring Property Owner and Tenants

From: Samuel Morris Date: July 14, 2023

Re: Neighborhood Meeting for Rezoning of 1530 Varsity Drive

You are invited to attend an informational meeting to discuss the proposed rezoning of 1530 Varsity Drive (with Property Identification Number (PIN) 0793472384). The meeting will be held on <u>July 27, 2023, from 5:15 PM until 6:15 PM</u>, at the following location:

Pullen Community Center Activity Room 112 B 408 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27606

The property totals approximately 3.00 acres in size and is located at the intersection of Varsity Drive and Avent Ferry Road. The property is currently zoned Residential Mixed Use, 5 Stories, Green Frontage, Conditional Use with Special Residential Parking Overlay District (RX-5-GR-CU w/ SPROD). The proposed zoning is Residential Mixed Use, 7 Stories, Urban Limited Frontage, Condition Use (RX-7-UL-CU). The purpose of the rezoning is to allow a broader range of development options on the property.

The City of Raleigh requires a neighborhood meeting involving the owners and tenants of property within 500 feet of the property prior to filing the rezoning application. After the meeting, we will prepare a report for the Planning Department regarding the items discussed at the meeting.

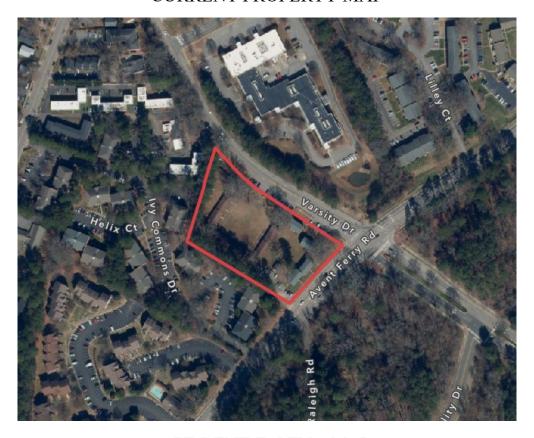
Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues. I can be reached at 919-780-5438 and smorris@longleaflp.com. Also, for more information about the rezoning, you may visit www.raleighnc.gov or contact the Raleigh City Planner Robert Tate at 919-996-2235 or Robert.tate@raleighnc.gov. If you would like to submit written comments or questions after the neighborhood meeting, please participate in the applicable rezoning case at <a href="www.publicinput.com/rezoning">www.publicinput.com/rezoning</a>.

Attached to this invitation are the following materials:

- 1. Subject Property Current Aerial Exhibit
- 2. Subject Property Current Zoning Exhibit



#### **CURRENT PROPERTY MAP**



**CURRENT ZONING MAP** 



#### **EXHIBIT B – NOTICE LIST**

#### **EXHIBIT C – MEETING ATTENDEES**

- 1. Michael Birch (Longleaf Law Partners)
- 2. Samuel Morris (Longleaf Law Partners)
- 3. Frank Rocchio (Development Team)
- 4. Todd Wendell (Development Team)
- 5. Alicia Thomas (City of Raleigh)

No neighbors or other members of the public attended the meeting.

#### EXHIBIT D – ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. No neighbors or other members of the public attended the meeting.