

January 6, 2022

Honorable Members of the Albuquerque Planning Commission:

My name is Eric Griego Montoya, and I am a lifelong Barelás resident. I am also a former Street Food Institute (SFI) Board Member. I write this letter in support of the proposed zone change for the property at 4th and Bell SW to allow SFI to relocate its operations there.

As an early supporter of SFI, I have hoped that they would one day consider locating in Barelás. From modest beginnings, SFI has developed into a critical training and resource for food entrepreneurs from all over the Albuquerque area. The zone change would allow SFI entrepreneurs and students to do catering – a key part of the entrepreneurial food ecosystem.

As someone who has worked for many years to bring vitality, jobs and small businesses to 4th Street— which is Barelás' main street -- I believe SFI will provide the kind of development we have long sought. The necessary zone change is reasonable and responsible. Please approve the change.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

Respectfully,

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