



June 13, 2024

The Honorable Laura Pastor, Councilwoman
City of Phoenix, District 4
200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Central Business District Proposed Expansion

Dear Councilwoman Pastor:

Thank you for hosting the meeting on June 10, 2024, to discuss the proposed Central Business District (CBD) expansion. The meeting allowed you, the city staff, and the community to provide information, opinions, and seek clarification. However, the Willo Neighborhood Association Board of Directors and I have serious concerns about the CBD expansion:

- The benefits to the residents within the proposed CBD have not been explained.
- The unknown outcomes are too many.
- The State Legislature's lack of support for the inner City of Phoenix and their apparent intent to negatively impact the historic districts is of great concern.
- Equally concerning is the lack of support we have received from our own legislators.
- It is imperative that the City takes every possible measure to safeguard the historic neighborhoods that we have dedicated over 40 years to protect and preserve.

Three options were proposed for alternative CBD expansion boundaries. While we acknowledge the need for redevelopment in certain areas, we firmly believe that including Willo within this boundary is not in anyone's best interest. We suggest that the CBD's northern boundary be moved south to Van Buren Street to exclude Willo from being within one mile of the CBD boundary. You proposed a third meeting, which will be held before the June 26 City Council meeting, for input on the revised expansion plan. Please ensure that advance notice is given, and the meeting is publicized.

On Thursday, June 13, 2014, the Willo Board of Directors voted to oppose the City's current CBD plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bradley B. Brauer".

Bradley B. Brauer, President
Willo Neighborhood Association

Cc: The Honorable Mayor Gallego
Jeff Barton, Phoenix City Manager
Christine Mackay, Community and Economic Development Director