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Kevin Nelson, Supervising Planner,  
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235 Promenade St., Suite 230, Providence, RI, 02908.  
RE: Westerly Comprehensive Community Plan,  
Identifier #, WES-CP-21,

Dear Mr. Nelson,

On Jan 20, 2021, the Westerly Town Council passed a motion to accept the revised Westerly Comprehensive Plan for 2020. The debate preceding this motion generated considerable input from the Westerly residents. In the public hearing, residents spoke out about the inclusion of the CP reference to Form Based Code to be using in developing zoning ordinances. Many Westerly residents noted that FBC was not in the best interest of maintaining neighborhoods and would lead to the introduction of commercial development not in keeping with the neighborhoods in which this development was located. In addition, during the Jan 20 meeting, many counselors acknowledged ignorance of FBC and what it meant (see minutes of Jan 20 meeting). The lack of knowledge

of FBC sent several councilors during the meeting to the internet to familiarize themselves with the meaning of FBC prior to the vote.

Because of the uncertainty of the impact of FBC on future development in Westerly, the councilors asked that all references to FBC be deleted from the proposed CP.

While town development office officials removed the words Form Based Code from the text, that is all they did. The ideas, concepts, and intent of FBC remain in the document that was passed on Jan 20.

The purpose of this letter is to request that the CP as passed on Jan 20, be sent back to the Westerly Town Council with an advisory to the Council to 1. Sponsor educational podcasts/webinars to educate the residents on the contents of the revised CP; 2. Solicit input at public hearing; and 3. Revise the CP with citizens comments in mind and with special regard to maintain Westerly's neighborhoods and open spaces for future generations of its citizens.

Thank you.



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