

# NORWOOD

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## VIA EMAIL

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RE: **Proposed Modifications to the Pedestrian Access Act**

Mr. Tefertiller and Lt. Chacon,

Please accept this letter written in support of the concept of expanding the "Downtown Commercial District" as described in the City Code Section 9.2.112 so that the Pedestrian Access Act can be appropriately enforced.

Downtown thrives today as a result of the long-standing partnership between the Downtown Property Owners and the City, CSPD (in particular with the HOT Team and DART Team), the Downtown Partnership and other agencies – all diligently working together to ensure the safety and well-being of pedestrians in the public realm. As a significant property owner throughout downtown, it is imperative that our Peace Officers have the tools necessary to ensure downtown's public rights of way remain open and accessible. Clearly, the Pedestrian Access Act has been an effective tool used by security and law enforcement officers to manage certain types of behaviors in the core of downtown.

As redevelopment efforts continue in Downtown, the need to utilize this tool (outside the current boundary) is necessary and warranted. I would ask that prior to being considered by City Council; CSPD and City Planning Staff reconsider the proposed boundary to parallel that of the Downtown Development Authority, which would only add a handful of properties to the east of Wahsatch Avenue – but includes important areas along Pikes Peak Avenue, Colorado Avenue and Shooks Run. With the inclusion of these additional properties, the amendment would have the full support of Norwood.

Sincerely,



**JEFF FINN**  
Senior Vice President  
Norwood Development Group

