

April 13, 2018

Ryan Tefertiller, Planning Manager City of Colorado Springs Urban Planning Division 30 S. Nevada Ave, #603 Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Mr. Tefertiller,

The purpose of this letter is to express an opinion by the Downtown Partnership regarding an application by MWT Design Studio on behalf of Slawek Pietraszek of New Vision Hotels for an amendment to the previously approved Hilton Garden Inn Development Plan. The proposed project would utilize a density bonus to allow for the construction of an 11<sup>th</sup> floor.

Our understanding is that the new floor being added will be utilized to take advantage of western views and add a possible restaurant and/or patio amenities for visitors to the project. Downtown fully supports this added density to the site as the use of the space will enhance the visitor experience. We additionally support the use of a density bonus downtown, as this project is meeting additional performance metrics and should be permitted to have added density due to achieving these metrics.

This project will be a great addition to our downtown, improving our hospitality amenities and enhancing our western gateways. We are glad to see this project well underway and slated for near term completion. We fully support the request to use a density bonus to add an 11<sup>th</sup> floor to the property.

Sincerely,

Sarah Humbargar Vice President, Development Services Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs

