



April 18, 2022

Ms. Laura Flores, Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
121 N. LaSalle Street, Room 1000  
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Proposed Amendment to PD 847 at 1132 W. Blackhawk Street

Dear Chair Flores:

I am writing to express North Branch Works' (NBW) strong support for the proposed amendment to Planned Development 847 for the property located at 1132 W. Blackhawk Street on Goose Island. This amendment would support 40 jobs including the creation of 20 new permanent jobs along with the construction jobs needed to complete the project.

NBW is especially encouraged this amendment to the PD would allow for the construction of a Pilot Plant which is consistent with the surrounding zoning on Goose Island and within the adjacent Planned Manufacturing District.

NBW is a membership-supported nonprofit neighborhood organization that for forty years has promoted balanced, job-creating economic development along the North Branch of the Chicago River. We are also a City of Chicago "delegate agency" providing an array of support services to local businesses including the manufacturing, industrial, and commercial sectors.

We look forward to working with Mars Wrigley, Ald. Walter Burnett (27<sup>th</sup> Ward), and community stakeholders to support approval of the PD 847 amendment. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Best regards,

Steve Simmons  
Director of Business and Economic Development

Cc: Ald. Walter Burnett, 27<sup>th</sup> Ward  
John J. (Jack) George, Akerman  
Scott Brown, Mars Wrigley