

May 18, 2015

**ITEM# 2**

Hon. Mayor and City Council, Riverside  
City Planning Commission, Riverside  
Cultural Heritage Board  
3900 Main Street  
Riverside CA 92501

RE: Ratkovich Properties Proposal, Imperial Hardware Lofts

Hon. Mayor, Council, Commission, and Board Members,

As members of the historical preservation community in Riverside, we would like to express our support for the proposal by Ratkovich Properties to redevelop the Imperial Hardware building and adjoining property in downtown Riverside. We are very pleased with their plans and the sensitivity they show towards the reuse of the façade of the Imperial Hardware building.

We recognize that growth within the city is important and inevitable. We appreciate developers like Ratkovich Properties who are willing to work with the city's leadership and historical preservation community to preserve distinctive and meaningful buildings and architecture in Riverside.

Ratkovich Properties has shown a willingness to work with Riverside's historic preservation community in a way that is rarely seen in the development community. They have shared their plans and not only listened to our concerns and suggestions but acted on them as well.

We look forward to seeing this project built and bringing new residents to downtown Riverside.

Sincerely,

Tom Martin  
Kim Jarrell Johnson