



South Regional Office

January 15, 2009

Mayor Charles Meeker
City Council Members
Planning Commission Members
City of Raleigh

RE: Rezoning Case REZ-44-08

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for thoughtful consideration of the proposed Whole Foods Market anchored project at Colonnade in North Raleigh (REZ-44-08). Regency's proposed project is the culmination of years of planning for us to enter this market. That said, I am writing to re-affirm to you Whole Foods' unwavering commitment to this project, and to this neighborhood. It will be the perfect addition to our group of stores in the Triangle area and continue to serve the growing community as we have for the past 17 years.

I understand that we are all going through difficult economic times nationally, but that does not and will not impact our plans to open a store at Six Forks and Colonnade Center Drive. Whole Foods Market is continuing to grow responsibly throughout the country. Last fiscal year ('08) we opened 21 new stores and have already opened 5 of our planned 15 new openings for this fiscal year ('09). Once open, Whole Foods Market has a track record of becoming an active and vibrant member and partner of the communities we serve. We have a total of 58 stores in our development pipeline including this site in North Raleigh.

We hope you will support Regency's rezoning and the successful development of this retail project. If you have any questions or comments, I urge you to contact me directly,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Allshouse", written over a horizontal line.

Scott Allshouse
President
Whole Foods Market – South Region