

To Whom it May Concern,

As a fairly new resident of St. Petersburg, I want to express my delight and support for the redevelopment of the Gas Plant District. We brought our nineteen year old son with us when we decided to leave everything behind in Birmingham, AL and move to St. Pete in October 2022. While we lived in Birmingham for twenty-two years and saw a lot of growth, it just doesn't compare to what is happening here in St. Pete.

We moved here knowing there would be a lot of opportunities for my husband and I, and for our son's future. So far, it has not disappointed us at all. We have met the most entrepreneurial people at all ages and stages of life. The people are so welcoming and we have loved supporting sporting events, festivals, local restaurants and shops. Our son has been offered so many opportunities to learn, grow and prosper at a very young age and we couldn't be happier that he is able to show his talents and skills and work with seasoned business people.

I fully believe with no change there is no progress. We wanted to live in a city where people can embrace a variety of jobs, receive a stellar education via other outlets other than colleges and universities, enjoy all kinds of entertainment and live in a walkable community.

I am a Chamber member and want to see people from all walks of life prosper, live in good health and find their happy place in the Sunshine City. St. Pete will greatly benefit from the redevelopment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Kind regards,
Allana Pinkerton
Small Business Advocate