

Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition
“Your Link to a Better Neighborhood”
P.O. Box 8204, Clearwater, FL 33758

December 14, 2016

Chelsea Favero, AICP
Forward Pinellas
310 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756

Re: Forward Pinellas Complete Streets Grant Application - Drew Street Complete Street Plan

Dear Ms. Favero:

The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition supports the community effort to upgrade Drew Street to a “complete street,” featuring designated and separate lanes for pedestrians, bike riders and motor vehicles.

The Drew Street corridor should enhance the wonderful ethnic neighborhood and business corridor through which it passes. By designing a complete street plan it will encourage the use by more pedestrians and bicyclists thus leading to safer traffic speeds and a better human experience. This will encourage a vibrant corridor to develop which can then showcase the food and services of Clearwater’s multicultural community.

We are hopeful that the City of Clearwater will be awarded the Forward Pinellas Complete Streets grant and are eager to assist the city in engaging the whole community in developing the Drew Street concept plan..

The proposal to upgrade Drew Street to a “complete Street” was presented by former CNC President Carl Schrader at the CNC Board meeting, September 12, 2016. The “complete streets” concept is compatible with CNC’s goal of neighborhood revitalization. The Board vote was unanimous to support the proposal. This is a great opportunity to secure available state funding for the initial study of this “complete street” proposal.

Sincerely,

Howard Warshauer, President

cc: Mayor George Cretekos, City Council, City of Clearwater
William Horn, City Manager, City of Clearwater
Ellen Crandall, Planning & Development Department, City of Clearwater