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To whom it may concern,

Matt reached out to be and explained that changes are being made in Northlight's area that may impact his ability to continue hosting his studio and rental space. I would love to share my experience with you all regarding Matt's event space.

My fiancé and I got engaged last summer (2025) in Rome! Upon returning to the states, we wanted to celebrate with our friends and family. Matt's event space was the perfect venue for us to do this. His prices were reasonable, the amenities he offered were perfect for our needs, and the staff was especially helpful and kind throughout the process. There are few places in the KC area that offer this level of satisfaction, especially without a high price tag. Every person that attended our engagement party complimented the space and made similar comments about how hard it is to find spaces like these. Matt's studio was truly what made being able to celebrate with our friends and family possible.

I am a hobbyist photographer as well, and I know that Matt's studio is also offered to photographers in the area. Once again, there are few places like this that are both affordable and offer so much of what Matt offers. Having a creative space like this is so important to many artists. KC is an incredibly artistic city, but the arts are not always the most accessible, and Matt's studio creates accessibility in this field that can be hard to find. Although I have never rented his studio for this reason, I

know many of my friends who are also photographers have considered this space. Voting Yes to rezone Matt's property as B3-2 would give him the opportunity for many more people to utilize this space.

I appreciate you letting me share my experience and how Matt's studio has impacted me and may impact others. As you weigh your options for rezoning in this area, I urge you to consider those like me and the impact that such a place as Matt's can offer.

If you have any other questions for me, feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

Makenzie Denham