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Good afternoon. My name is Gail Spreen, I am the President of SOAR, the Streeterville Organization of Active Residents (SOAR). I am pleased to come before you today to speak, on behalf of SOAR, in support of this project.

We would like to thank Alderman Natarus, Alderman-elect Brendan Reilly, the Department of Planning and Development, and the Developer's Team for the allowing us the opportunity to meet and discuss our concerns over the past four months during the evolution of this very important project to the community and the City.

We are excited to have such a dramatic building designed by Santiago Calatrava in our neighborhood. The slender building, open plaza, and underground garage are amenities that we feel will enhance the quality of life for our residents. We continue, however, to be concerned about traffic management issues on East North Water Street and the new Lake Shore Dr. entrance ramp, the need to complete the new bicycle/pedestrian path, the completion of DuSable Park, and the need to review final landscaping plans that promise much more extensive greening of the plaza area..

We are aware that several aspects of the development have progressed over the past few days and that everything has not been completely finalized. We ask that SOAR receive a copy of the final plans and documents of the PD that are being presented today and that we continue to be involved with the City and developer as the final issues related to this project are being decided. SOAR feels accountable to the neighborhood and we look forward to open lines of communication as we monitor the progress of this development.

Congratulations on an exciting design that we feel will enhance Streeterville and the entire City of Chicago.

Thank you.

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