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Dear City Council, Planning Department, and Mayor Ballantyne,

I am writing to express my full support for the zoning change the Somerville YMCA has requested associated with item number 24-0641. As a longtime member of the Someville Y, an active member of the community, and a former City Councilor and School Committee Member, I believe this proposed zoning change will have an important and positive impact on the YMCA's redevelopment project and on our community.

The zoning change, if approved, will play a pivotal role in facilitating the realization of a transformative redevelopment project. This project includes the development of more affordable housing, a bigger day care center at the Y serving more families and children, the construction of a state-of-the-art YMCA facility, and the creation of spaces for community engagement opportunities, especially for youth. These elements are aligned with Somervision2040 for sustainable growth and community well-being.

I respectfully urge the City Council and Planning Department to support this zoning change request.

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