



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA**

October 18, 2022
Planning Commission
City of Hampton
22 Lincoln Street
Hampton, VA 23669

Re: NorthPoint Development - Phenix Commerce Center, Hampton, VA

Dear Planning Commission Members:

As a community-based organization, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula, provides life enhancing, impactful programs for youth that ensure our members have the skills necessary to succeed in life. Our service extends to the families of the youth we serve and the communities in which they live. It is because of this commitment that we are nearing completion of Phase 1 of a \$2.5 million dollar capital renovation of our club location at 1815 Shell Road, in the City of Hampton. This project will not only enable us to better support our youth, but also provide an asset for the community.

Over the past four months, we have engaged in multiple conversations with NorthPoint Development, to learn more about their proposed development project, Phenix Commerce Center. We are impressed with the economic benefit that this project will bring to the community and the City of Hampton, including the potential of adding 450 jobs to the area and additional improvements to the property and adjacent properties. Not only will this development provide over 825,000 square feet for commerce, but also an additional 5,600 square feet dedicated for workforce development training. This center will provide outside agencies valuable space to engage in workforce development programs, supporting NorthPoint Development's commitment to the community.

In September, members of the NorthPoint team constructed a community garden on our property that will provide valuable produce for our members, their families, and the Shell Road community. Based on the economic benefits and partnership NorthPoint Development will build with the City of Hampton, Hampton City Schools and the community, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula fully supports the approval of the Phenix Commerce Center in Hampton. We look forward to a long partnership with NorthPoint Development that will support the Shell Road community for generations to come.

Sincerely,
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula

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