

**DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD**

January 5, 2016

Honorable Town Council
Town of West Hartford
50 South Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107

SUBJECT: 243 Steele Road - SDD #139-R2-15

Dear Councilors:

At its meeting held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, the West Hartford Design Review Advisory Committee gave consideration to the following item:

243 Steele Road - Application (SDD #139-R2-15) on behalf of Steele Road, LLC, owner, to amend SDD #139 at 243 Steele Road to increase the number of units from 150 to 160 by dividing five of the existing two-bedroom units in Buildings #3 and #4 (ten units total) approximately in half to create twenty one-bedroom units. Exterior changes to those buildings are also proposed but no increase in building size or height. (Town Council receipt on December 10, 2015. Town Council public hearing scheduled for January 26, 2016. DRAC receipt on December 16, 2015.)

After a review of the application and its related exhibits and after consideration of staff technical comments, the Design Review Advisory Committee acted by **unanimous vote (6-0)** (Motion/Hughes; Second/Binkhorst)(Gebrian recused himself)(Alternate Parsons-Whitaker seated for Gebrian) to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the subject application finding it consistent with our Committee's performance criteria.

The DRAC members appreciate the opportunity to be an integral part of the review process and thank the Town Council for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Todd Dumais
DRAC Secretary

Cc: Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Mark McGovern, Director of Community Services
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel

Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Jeffrey Gebrian, DRAC Chairman
Robin Pearson, Attorney

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