## NORTH SIDE PIZZA GUYS, LLC D/B/A/ AURELIO'S PIZZA

October 8, 2014

Village of Arlington Heights
Department of Planning & Community Development
33 South Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005



RE:

Written Justification for Special Use Aurelio's Pizza- 2944 West Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois, 60005

Dear Department of Planning & Community Development,

Special Use should be granted to Aurelio's Pizza at the address specified above for the following reasons:

- 1. That said special use is deemed necessary for the public convenience at this location and consistent with the uses at the existing retail shopping center.
- 2. That such case will not, under any circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of persons residing or working in the vicinity.
- 3. That the proposed use will comply with the regulations and conditions specified in applicable ordinances for such use, and with any stipulations and conditions made a part of the authorization granted by the Village Board Of Trustees.

George Vassos (the applicant), President of North Side Pizza Guys, LLC, and owner of Sam's of Arlington, located at 1863 West Central Road in Arlington Heights, IL 60005, respectfully request a Special Use Permit to allow the applicant to construct an Aurelio's Pizza restaurant at the Esplanade Center on W. Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005.

The applicant has an intimate knowledge of the local community through his other restaurant and feels the new restaurant would provide a necessary convenience at this location. The proposed restaurant is compatible with the surrounding land uses, which primarily consists of commercial, entertainment, office and service related uses. It would serve a lunch and dinner menu, and be the only full-service restaurant within walking distance of the developing Arlington Downs PUD, patrons of the Arlington Racetrack, and new apartment building being completed. The take-out area would provide the adjacent residential areas to the south and Euclid Avenue commuters a convenient amenity, since the next closest Pizza restaurant is almost a mile away.

The restaurant will provide the area with an additional thirty to forty jobs, and will lease one-third of the total retail space of the Esplanade, filling a large portion of the building that has been relatively vacant after being built six years ago.

The Aurelio's Pizza restaurant would function as a franchise, receiving support from the parent company based in Homewood, Illinois which has been in business since 1959. It is an expanding, family-owned business that is well known and loved by the people of Chicago. Their special recipe thin-crust pizza has contributed to making Chicago-style pizza nationally known and will draw people into the area to enjoy their consistently excellent food.

Respectfully,

**George Vassos** 

President

North Side Pizza Guys, LLC