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Weaver Street Market Celebrates Historic West End Partners' Milestone Property Acquisition

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Weaver Street Market is proud to congratulate its community ally, Historic West End Partners (HWEP), on securing the final parcel of land required for its transformative mixed-use development along Charlotte's Historic West End corridor. This milestone is an important next step for the community, which will pave the way for Weaver Street Market to open and operate a full-service, community-driven cooperative grocery store within the new development.

The acquisition marks a critical progression toward realizing HWEP's vision of equitable economic revitalization, cultural preservation, and expanded fresh food access for West Charlotte residents. The planned multi-use site will integrate mixed-income residential living, small business space, and a community grocery hub. This transformative project is made possible through the vital community investments and support from the Knight Foundation, the City of Charlotte, and other community partners.

Partnership Highlights:

- **Expanded Fresh Food Access:** Establishes a full-service grocery store offering fresh, locally sourced produce, prepared meals, and pantry staples in a historically underserved corridor.
- **Community-Centered Space:** Features community gathering areas designed to host local events, educational programs, and other gatherings.
- **Equitable Local Investment:** Supports local farmers, producers, and regional food systems while providing living-wage jobs and career pathways within the neighborhood.

"Securing this final parcel is a monumental achievement for Historic West End Partners and the entire West Charlotte community," said James Watts, General Manager of Weaver Street Market. "We are honored to partner with HWEP to bring a vibrant, community-owned

grocery model to the corridor—one that centers local producers, authentic food, and long-term neighborhood resilience."

"Collaborating with Weaver Street Market to bring the next iteration of its scalable, lauded community-owned brand is the manifestation of an eight-year courtship" said JTanya Adams, Founder & Executive Director of HWEP. "We are elated to lean in with vigor on delivering Weaver Street Market-Historic West End, a destination fresh food hub for all, that intentionally embraces local growers, food creatives and the history of Charlotte's Historic West End."

About Historic West End Partners (HWEP)

Historic West End Partners is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the equitable revitalization, economic development, and cultural preservation of Charlotte's Historic West End. HWEP works alongside residents, business owners, and regional leaders to advocate for responsible commercial development, housing stability, and community-driven initiatives that honor the corridor's heritage.

About Weaver Street Market

Founded in 1988 in Carrboro, North Carolina, Weaver Street Market is a community-owned grocery cooperative with stores across the Triangle region (Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, and downtown Raleigh). Owned by both its consumers and workers, Weaver Street Market operates with a mission to create sustainable, resilient communities through healthy food, local sourcing, and shared economic vitality.

- **Community-Owned:** Driven by member-owners rather than outside shareholders.
- **Local Food Economy:** Sources heavily from regional growers, artisanal producers, and sustainable farms.
- **Social Impact:** Invests directly in food access initiatives, environmental sustainability, and workplace democracy.

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