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Rep. Ritter Applauds Transformation of Renovated Zunner Building

Praises project as important community revitalization effort

Rep. Matt Ritter (D-Hartford) applauded the transformation of the renovated Zunner building in Hartford at the grand opening celebration today. After significant renovations, the previously neglected property at the corner of Ashley and Garden Street will now offer new retail, residential, and office space in the historic Asylum Hill neighborhood.

The renovation is part of a reinvestment strategy for the area coordinated by Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (NINA), a nonprofit community development corporation.

"I've been a strong supporter of the renovation from the beginning, and it's amazing to see the full transformation. The remodeling has preserved the historic aspects of the building that characterize the Asylum Hill neighborhood, while opening up new opportunities for business and housing," **Rep. Ritter** said. "It's a great investment that will revitalize the surrounding area. I am always committed to efforts that make Hartford a more attractive place to live and work, and seeing this project come to fruition is certainly a cause for celebration."

Rep. Ritter helped secure a State Urban Action Grant for the project, which funded the addition of a new entryway and elevator. The building offers three retail spaces and four spacious apartment units. The third floor of the building will be the new home of the Hartford Community Loan Fund.

The Zunner building is located at 207-215 Garden Street.

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