

Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Carl, Casey J.
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 3:07 PM
To: Council Committee Coordinators
Subject: FW: DID 2016 BUDGET HEARING

FYI, forwarding for petitioning into the public file on this matter.

CJC

From: Goodman, Lisa R.
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 2:57 PM
To: JudyAKaron
Cc: Carl, Casey J.
Subject: RE: DID 2016 BUDGET HEARING

Many thanks I'll forward for the record.

Lisa

From: JudyAKaron [<mailto:judy.karon@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 1:11 PM
To: Goodman, Lisa R.
Subject: DID 2016 BUDGET HEARING

Lisa: Pursuant to our conversation earlier today I am writing to request your affirmative consideration of the proposed DID Operating Plan and Budget for 2016.

As a downtown resident for some 37 years I have seen the changes which have taken place over that period of time. Surely one of the most positive assets which we have is the DID program. It has become a most important partner for residents as changes occur. Surely one cannot walk along the Mall from early morning to late evening and not see several examples of their work. Whether it is a DID representative tidying up after a spill or graffiti, helping a guest in town (suburbanites and conventioners) to find their way, or helping an individual in need of health and /or social services, someone is always there. My neighbors repeatedly speak highly and appreciatively of this service.

In the last year and a half I have come to understand the DID in a new way. As the Downtown Resident serving on the Downtown Council I have been privileged to be a part of the discussions which are ongoing with respect to how to improve, review and respond to the changing needs of the community. The DID and Downtown Council staff are always seeking input and acting on suggestions as to how to maximize the services which it offers in the best possible way.

As you well know, none of this can happen without adequate resources. I believe the proposed budget offers the best opportunity to continue to provide these excellent services in an efficient and positive manner.

I would ask that you share my perceptions with the appropriate colleagues who will make the final decision on the budget for the coming year. Should you wish further information I would be happy to speak with you or any of your colleagues about the DID.

Thank you for your consideration.....Judy

Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Carl, Casey J.
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 3:37 PM
To: Council Comment
Subject: FW: Enthusiastic support for DID

From: Roloff, Becky [<mailto:broloff@YWCAmpls.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 3:26 PM
To: Reich, Kevin A.; Goodman, Lisa R.; Frey, Jacob; Johnson, Barbara A. - City Council; Hodges, Betsy A.
Cc: Steve Cramer (Scramer@downtownminneapolis.com); Roloff, Becky
Subject: Enthusiastic support for DID

To: Council Member Kevin Reich, Chair
Transportation & Public Works Committee
Mayor Hodges

RE: Approval of 2016 Budget for Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID)

On behalf of the YWCA of Minneapolis, I want to take this opportunity to express my support for DID, and specifically the proposed 2016 Operating Plan and Budget.

If any of my meetings are within a mile of my office at 1130 Nicollet, I walk. Everyday, I see the DID team give directions, keep the streets looking great, assist people in need, and today protecting a woman who didn't see a huge truck come her way in the construction of the Mall. When she finally took notice of it, and let out a scream, there was a downtown DID member with his hands in the air waving to the truck driver. The DID person said, and I quote....."Don't worry, we saw you. We had your back". That woman was me. Does anything make you feel better than the whole city—your city-- is working together? And it is with a smile?

My office faces Nicollet Mall so I personally have seen how a better neighborhood and working environment is created. Downtown Minneapolis is everybody's neighborhood and the DID is committed to creating a better neighborhood for all of us: employees, residents, and visitors throughout the Downtown area. The statistics say that during the last six years the team removed 210,940 bags of trash, assisted 654,712 pedestrians and installed and maintained nearly 79,250 plants and flowers. Those are important numbers by any measure. .

We wholeheartedly endorse the DID, and are always proud to offer the staff a place in our downtown facility to warm up or cool off.

On behalf of the 600 employees of the Minneapolis YWCA, I strongly and unequivocally urge you to approve the 2016 DID budget.

It is a pleasure to endorse their work.

Thank you for your leadership in supporting their budget request; it takes everyone doing their role well.

Becky Roloff
President and CEO
YWCA Minneapolis

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September 9th, 2015

Minneapolis City Clerk
Minneapolis City Hall
350 South 5th Street, Room 304
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
C/O T&PW Committee Coordinator

CITY CLERK
DEPARTMENT

RE: NOTICE OF DID OBJECTION

Dear, *T & PW Committee Coordinator*

The undersigned is the owner, individual, or business organization subject to service charges proposed in the Downtown Improvement Special Service District (DID) under the terms of **Resolution 2014R-374**, as adopted by the Minneapolis City Council.

The undersigned, as, by or on behalf of the Owner of the Parcel listed and described below, hereby files this OBJECTION, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 428A.09 and the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Section 465.100.

This NOTICE OF OBJECTION pertains to the following Real Estate Tax Parcel in Minneapolis, Minnesota:

Assessed Subject Property Address: 800 Hennepin Ave S
Assessed Subject Property ID Number: 22-029-24-43-0005
Assessed Subject Property Owner: Turnstone 800 LLC
Proposed Assessment/Service Charge Amount Objected to: Service charge to be collected on 2016 real estate tax statement.

This OBJECTION is filed with respect to the proposed 2016 DID Special Assessment/Service Charges on the above listed Parcel, as proposed "on a basis other than net tax capacity" under MN. Stat. Chapter 428A and Minneapolis Ordinances Chapter 465.

Signature: *Todd Witercraft*
Date: *9/9/15*

Printed Name: *Todd Witercraft*
Title: *Chief Manager*

August 21, 2015

Notice of Public Hearing and Related Assessments for the Project Below

TURNSTONE 800 LLC
3424 PEACHTREE RD NE # 1775
ATLANTA GA 30326

As the taxpayer of the parcel with PiD 22 029 24 43 0005, located at 800 HENNEPIN AVE.

And described as
LOT # 1 INCL ADJ 1 4/10 FT OF 8TH +. AUDITORS SUBD NO 97.
INCL ADJ 1 4/10 FT OF 8TH ST AND HENNAVE NOW VAC 75.00 X 158.40

Which is located within the proposed Downtown Business Improvement Special Service District 2016 Services and Service Charges.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday September 15, 2015 at 9:30am at
Location: ROOM 317 CITY HALL, 350 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The proposed cost for the above said parcel is \$12,450.81.

For information, call (612) 673-2401 or visit www.minneapolismn.gov/assessments

You may attend the Public Hearing for this project, but you are not required to do so unless you choose to object in person for purposes of preserving your right to appeal. In accordance with the details outlined on Page 2, objections may be filed in writing rather than in person.

Notice of Public Hearing is continued on next page.

Public hearing September 15 on 2016 services and service charges

The Transportation and Public Works Committee of the Minneapolis City Council will conduct a public hearing pursuant to Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 428A, Sections 428A.01 through 428A.10 on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. (meeting time), in Room 317 City Hall, to consider the services to be provided in 2016 in the District as well as the amount of service charges to be levied against parcels in the District. A map of the District is on file in the Minneapolis City Engineer's Special Assessment Office, 309 2nd Ave S, Room 209, Minneapolis, MN 55401-2268 and in the Minneapolis City Clerk's Office, 350 S 5th St, Room 304, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1382 and is open to public inspection during normal business hours. The Petition requirements set out in Minnesota Statutes, Section 428A.08 have been met.

The services and estimated budget of \$6,038,153 are described in the 2016 Operating Plan for the District which is made part of this Notice. The total amount of 2016 service charges proposed to be charged on the 2016 real estate tax statements calculates to \$6,038,165.59. The Operating Plan and proposed list of service charges for each property are on file in the Minneapolis City Engineer's Special Assessment Office, 309 2nd Ave S, Room 209, Minneapolis, MN 55401-2268 and in the Minneapolis City Clerk's Office, 350 S 5th St, Room 304, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1382, and are open to public inspection during normal business hours.

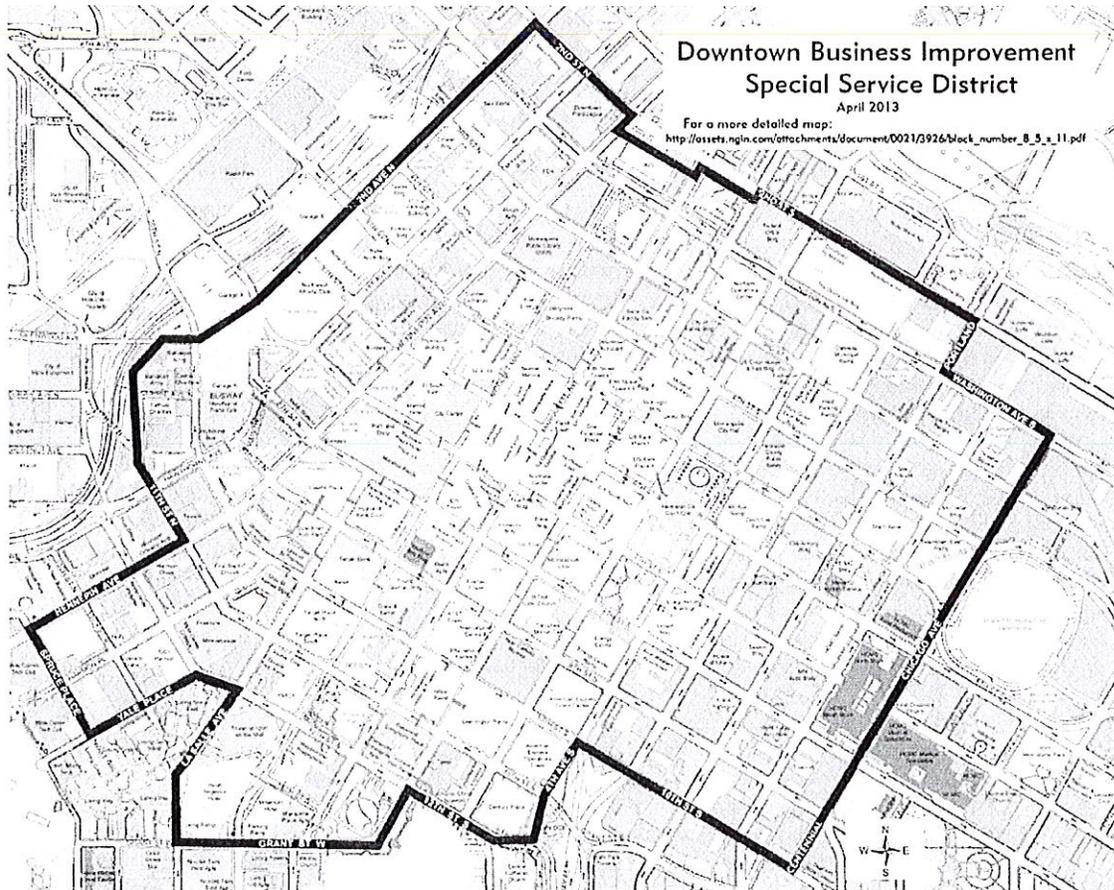
Adoption by the Committee of the proposed service charges may be taken at the public hearing and recommended to the City Council for approval. At the time of the public hearing, the Committee will provide an opportunity for all persons owning property in the district together with any other interested persons to be heard regarding the proposed service charges. The committee will consider all written and oral objections and statements. Should a person be unable to attend and wishes to object or comment, please send a written objection or statement in sufficient time for it to arrive prior to the time of the public hearing to: Minneapolis City Clerk's Office, C/O T&PW Committee Coordinator, 350 S. Fifth St., Room 304, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1382. This service charge may be appealed to District Court, pursuant to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances Section 465.60, by serving Notice of the Appeal upon the Mayor or City Clerk of the City of Minneapolis within 30 days after the adoption of the charge and filing such Notice with the Court Administrator of the District Court within 10 days after its service upon the Mayor or City Clerk.

How are assessments paid?

The 2016 charges are to be collected in their entirety on the 2016 real estate tax statements. There is no interest added to the service charges.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER SPECIAL SERVICES AND SERVICES CHARGES FOR 2016 for the
Downtown Business Improvement Special Service District
(a.k.a. the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District)

The Transportation and Public Works Committee of the Minneapolis City Council will conduct a **public hearing on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 317, City Hall**, to consider the services to be provided in 2016 in the District as well as the amount of service charges to be levied against properties in the District. The Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District, as established under Chapter 465 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, is the area contained within the boundaries of the following map:



The services and estimated budget of \$6,038,166 are described in the attached 2016 Operating Plan for the District and consistent with the petition process completed in spring 2013. There are no improvements or related charges. Adoption by the Committee of the proposed service charges may be taken at the public hearing and recommended to the City Council for approval. At the time of the public hearing, the Committee will provide an opportunity for all interested persons to be heard regarding the proposed services and the proposed service charges and the committee will consider all written and oral objections and statements. Should a person be unable to attend and wishes to object or comment, please send a written statement in sufficient time for it to arrive prior to the time of the public hearing to: Minneapolis City Clerk's Office, c/o T&PW Committee Coordinator, 350 South 5th Street, Room 304, Minneapolis, MN 55415-1382.

Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Carl, Casey J.
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 5:28 PM
To: Council Committee Coordinators
Subject: FW: Feedback in DID in our neighborhood

I assume this is for the public record on this matter.

-----Original Message-----

From: Goodman, Lisa R.
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 4:39 PM
To: Adele Evidon
Cc: Carl, Casey J.
Subject: RE: Feedback in DID in our neighborhood

Thanks Adele!

Lisa

-----Original Message-----

From: Adele Evidon [<mailto:adele@evidon.net>]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 2:57 PM
To: Goodman, Lisa R.
Subject: Feedback in DID in our neighborhood

Dear Lisa,

I understand that DID budget meetings are coming up. I will unfortunately not be able to attend the public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 15.

As I have communicated often in the past, the services of the DID and their excellent, well-trained staff have considerably improved the quality of life in downtown Minneapolis. As a disabled resident (I use an electric scooter) of downtown for 17 years, I have an opportunity to observe daily the value they bring to residents, those working and visiting downtown, and in particular the way they handle our population needing health and social services. They ensure that I can cross streets safely in the winter by clearing a path after the plows have come by. They handle visitors with a smile, give directions, deal with medical emergencies, and are a present and constant resource for those of us who live here. I feel safer and more "at home" because of their dedication, hard work and positive and empathetic attitude.

It requires adequate resources to continue to provide and improve their crucial service to our community. Please pass on my hope that adequate budget will be provided for them to continue their work in the coming years.

If I can provide any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

With thanks and best wishes,
Adele

Adele Evidon

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From: [Steve Cramer](#)
To: [Kathryn Reali](#); [Kristi Haug](#)
Subject: FW: Approval of the 2016 Budget for Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District
Date: Monday, September 14, 2015 2:24:11 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

FYI

From: Bertram, Rick [mailto:Rick.Bertram@marriott.com]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 1:50 PM
To: Kevin.Reich@minneapolismn.gov
Cc: Betsy.Hodges@minneapolismn.gov; Lisa.Goodman@minneapolismn.gov; Jacob.Frey@minneapolismn.gov; Barbara.Johnson@minneapolismn.gov; Steve Cramer <SCramer@downtownminneapolis.com>
Subject: Approval of the 2016 Budget for Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District

Council Member Reich:

On behalf of the Minneapolis Marriott City Center, and the 250,000 guests that stay with us each year, I want to take this opportunity to express my support for DID, and specifically the proposed 2016 Operating Plan and Budget.

Downtown Minneapolis has become much more vibrant with the implementation of DID. I recently returned to Minneapolis after spending several years in Cleveland, as well as Denver. The DID's commitment to our downtown community is welcomed, and the positive change is very evident. The work of the DID is critical in bringing visitors to downtown Minneapolis, and ensuring that they have a great, safe experience so that they not only return, but tell others about Minneapolis. In working with the DID over the past year, it is easy to see the impact that they are having on our community. It is safe to say that they are never satisfied, as they are always looking for ways that they can improve the services that they deliver to meet the changing needs of Downtown Minneapolis.

I genuinely support, and endorse the DID. I encourage you to approve the 2016 DID budget, doing so is an investment in our Downtown community, and our future. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Rick

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September 4, 2015

Council Member Kevin Reich, Chair
Transportation & Public Works Committee
City of Minneapolis
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

RE: Approval of 2016 Budget for Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID)

Council Member Reich:

I want to take this opportunity to express my support for the DID, and specifically the proposed 2016 Operating Plan and Budget. I regret that I am unable to attend the DID's annual public hearing on Tuesday, September 15 due to out of town business. I am a partner at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, a CPA firm located in the Capella Tower. We have nearly 250 employees who work in downtown Minneapolis each business day, many of whom are also residents of this great city. I also presently serve as the vice-chair of the finance committee of the DID, a position I am proud to volunteer time to since I know first-hand just how committed the DID is to create a better downtown for employees, residents, and visitors.

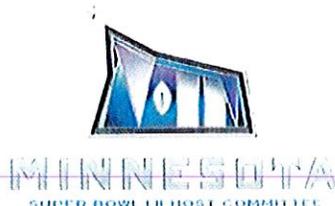
Having worked in downtown Minneapolis for nearly twenty-five years, I have seen first-hand how the DID has enhanced the value of downtown real estate and made downtown Minneapolis more attractive to investors, downtown employees, residents and visitors. I know from the reports we receive on the finance committee that the DID has improved and enhanced the condition of the public realm in many areas and numerous ways. For example, during the last six years of the DID's services, the DID has removed 210,940 bags of trash, assisted 654,712 pedestrians and installed and maintained nearly 79,250 plants and flowers.

The DID has become an indispensable partner in making Downtown Minneapolis a cleaner, greener, and safer city. Moreover, the DID has not been content to rest on its accomplishments; it continues to develop and improve its services on an ongoing basis to closely align with the changing needs of Downtown Minneapolis.

I therefore wholeheartedly endorse the DID and strongly and unequivocally urge you to approve the 2016 DID budget. Please contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you so much for your support for an even better Downtown.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey J. Gendreau
Partner
Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP



September 5, 2015

Council Member Lisa Goodman
Transportation & Public Works Committee
City of Minneapolis
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

RE: Approval of 2016 Budget for Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID)

Council Lisa Goodman:

On behalf of the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee, I want to take this opportunity to express my support for the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District, and specifically the proposed 2016 Operating Plan and Budget.

The visitor experience in Downtown Minneapolis is key to our growth as a city and our ability to attract major events. The DID has done an exceptional job in creating the best possible experience for our guests and, of course, our residents. Their work has also enhanced the attraction of downtown as a site to hold conventions, meetings, sports competitions, celebrations, festivals, and fundraisers & benefits.

The DID has become an indispensable partner in creating and maintaining a special place of which we can all feel proud. It continues to develop and improve its services on an ongoing basis to closely align with the changing needs of Downtown Minneapolis. They are such a critical asset in managing large national events in our city and we are glad to have them as a resource as we plan to host one of the world's largest sporting events, Super Bowl LII.

We highly value the DID and strongly encourage you to approve the 2016 DID budget. Thank you so much for your support for an even better Downtown.

Sincerely,

Maureen Bausch
CEO
Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee

Cc: Council President Barb Johnson
Council Member Jacob Frey
Council Member Lisa Goodman
Tom Hoch, Board Chair, DID
Steve Cramer, President & CEO, DID



September 5, 2015

Council Member Jacob Frey
Transportation & Public Works Committee
City of Minneapolis
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

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Kristi Haug

Subject: please review

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From: Pryor, Jon L [<mailto:Jon.Pryor@hcmcd.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 12:56 PM

To: Steve Cramer <SCramer@downtownminneapolis.com>

Subject: please review

Dear Council Member,

As the representative of HCMC, I am on the Downtown Council and Downtown Improvement District (DID) Board of Directors. In that capacity I want to write my letter of support for the 2016 Operating Plan and Budget. As you well know, Downtown Council and DID has worked very hard at creating an environment in the Downtown area where employees feel comfortable and want to work, homeowners feel safe and want to live, and visitors look forward to spending time and contributing to our local economy. It is an environment in which organizations, such as HCMC, that seek to attract employees and patrons, can thrive. I have been amazed at what they have accomplished over time and the energy at the organization and Board level to make the downtown area better and better going forward. I strongly urge you to continue your support of DID and their budget. Please feel free to call me anytime to discuss this in more detail or if you have any questions. Thanks for all you do in your role and working with a partner like the Downtown Council and DID. All the best.

Jon

Jon L. Pryor, MD, MBA

Chief Executive Officer

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September 9, 2015

Council Member Kevin Reich, Chair
Transportation & Public Works Committee
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

RE: Approval of 2016 Budget for Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID)

Council Member Reich:

As Chair of the Minneapolis Downtown Council and Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID) and President/CEO of Hennepin Theatre Trust, I want to take this opportunity to express my support for DID, and specifically the proposed 2016 Operating Plan and Budget.

We want Downtown Minneapolis to be everybody's neighborhood and the DID is committed to creating a better Downtown neighborhood for everyone: employees, residents, and visitors. Through the work of the DID, the value of downtown real estate has been enhanced and has made it more attractive to investors. During the last six years of DID services, we have improved and enhanced the condition of our Downtown's public realm spaces in many areas and in numerous ways having removed 210,940 bags of trash, assisted 654,712 pedestrians and installed and maintained nearly 79,250 plants and flowers.

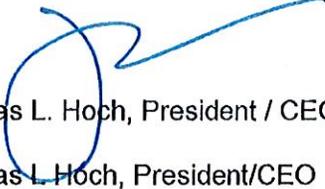
The DID has become an indispensable partner in creating and maintaining a special place of which we can all feel proud. The experiences of patrons to the State, Orpheum and Pantages Theatres...and indeed our entire Cultural District...have improved immensely because of the work of the DID.

The DID has not been content to rest on its accomplishments and continues to develop and improve its services on an ongoing basis to closely align with the changing needs of Downtown Minneapolis and the interests of property owners.

I wholeheartedly endorse the DID and strongly and unequivocally urge you to approve the 2016 DID budget. Please contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you so much for your support for an even better Downtown.

Very truly yours,

HENNEPIN THEATRE TRUST


Thomas L. Hoch, President / CEO

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September 11, 2015

Council Member Kevin Reich, Chair
Transportation & Public Works Committee
City of Minneapolis
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

RE: Support of 2016 Budget for Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID)

Council Member Reich:

On behalf of Welsh & Colliers International, I want to express my support for DID, and the proposed 2016 Operating Plan and Budget. We believe that a strong and vibrant urban core is important and that the work that DID does helps to create a better experience.

We are committed to our community and therefore we support the DID because it makes downtown more competitive for new business, attractive to employees, welcoming to customers, and livable for its residents.

Downtown offers an exciting mix of things to do – and the best way we can encourage people to be part of the downtown excitement, is to make the entire experience welcoming. The DID is an important part of delivering that experience.

We unequivocally endorse the DID and support the proposed 2016 Operating Plan and Budget. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you so much for your support.

Very truly yours,


Jean Kane
CEO
Welsh & Colliers International

Cc: Mayor Betsy Hodges
Council President Barb Johnson
Council Member Jacob Frey
Council Member Lisa Goodman
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September 14, 2015

Council Member Kevin Reich, Chair
Transportation & Public Works Committee
City of Minneapolis
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

RE: Approval of 2016 Budget for Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID)

Council Member Reich:

Hines

On behalf of Hines Interests Limited Partnership, I want to take this opportunity to express my support for DID, and specifically the proposed 2016 Operating Plan and Budget.

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Very truly yours,



Amy J. Wimmer
General Property Manager
Hines Interests Limited Partnership

Cc: Council President Barb Johnson
Council Member Jacob Frey
Council Member Lisa Goodman
Tom Hoch, Board Chair, DID
Steve Cramer, President & CEO, DID

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September 15, 2015

Council Member Kevin Reich, Chair
Transportation & Public Works Committee
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350 South 5th Street
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DKW", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David K. Wright
Vice President
Corporate Real Estate Group

Cc: Council President Barb Johnson
Council Member Jacob Frey
Council Member Lisa Goodman
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Mr. Casey Carl, City Clerk
Minneapolis City Hall, Room 304
350 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Letter of Objection to 2016 DID Fees

Re: **Objection-Minneapolis (DID) Special Services Assessment 2016**
Property Owner: Ruby Red Dentata, LLC
PID: 22-029-24-41-0105
Subject Property: 20 North 4th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55401
(incl 28 North 4th St & 327 1st Ave North)
2015 DID Assessment: \$ 4694.64

Dear Clerk Carl:

As owner of the above commercial property located within the Minneapolis Downtown Business Improvement Special Service District, **Ruby Red Dentata, LLC**. objects to the DID's proposed special assessment for 2016. In support of its objection, **Ruby Red Dentata, LLC**. states the following:

1. The deadline for filing this objection be continued to September 25, 2015 as this hearing and the deadline for filing the objection fall within the traditional religious "High Holy Days" for the Jewish calendar; and
2. The costs of the DID services significantly exceed any benefit to the above property; and
3. The DID's special assessment violates the special benefits test required by Article X, Section 1 of the Minnesota Constitution, which test requires that all municipal improvements must benefit the assessed property in proportion to the cost of the assessment; and
4. The DID's services have been suspended at this property since 2012 due to extensive property damage caused by the contractor for which the DID organization and its contractor, Block by Block, have failed to address, respond to or compensate for; and
5. The Statute clearly provides a formal and judicial process to object to these charges ; and
6. All other formal conventions for objecting to the fees require an unattainable aggregate number of objectors which is at best unrealistic, and in reality, a well engineered end run around the statute; and
7. Ratepayer renews its request that properties of up to 25,000 square feet, contributing to the Historical District of the City of Minneapolis, be granted relief from the full DID service charge as they do not have the capacity to increase rental receipts to offset the DID fees which are 21-25% over and above their real estate taxes: and

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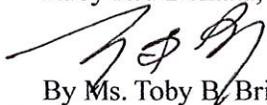
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8. The Minneapolis City Council direct the DID to publish its calendar in advance, of DID committee meetings and permit ratepayers to attend and participate at the meetings, as was ordered by former Council President, Sandra Colvin Roy; and

9. The Council direct the DID to provide a copy of the 2015 final report of the PUMA consulting firm of Denver, Colorado and communicate the action the DID Board will be implementing.

Please make this objection part of the official record in the assessment proceeding and provide a return receipt by email to me at genmgr-rubyred@usa.net.

Sincerely,
Ruby Red Dentata, LLC.



By Ms. Toby B. Brill, its Chief Member
Cc: Ms. Peggy Menshek, Office of the City Clerk



Written Testimony Sheet

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit Project DID	Date: 9/15/2015
Committee: Transportation & Public Works	Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Room 317 City Hall	

Printed Name	Address	Organization	Email/Phone No.
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Use the blank area below for your written comments, if you choose not to speak at the public meeting, or e-mail comments to councilcomment@minneapolismn.gov.

I oppose the DID because it ~~is~~ is essentially double taxation on ~~businesses~~ ^{property owners} in the North Loop. I have no problem with the ambassadors - I enjoy their positive presence and ~~help~~ helpful demeanor. However, it is outrageous to ask ~~small businesses~~ ^{property owners} to fund this program ~~for us~~ on top of the taxes & other regulations placed on us. In our case, we are being asked to pay nearly \$20K in annual additional costs for which there is no benefit to us. Perhaps the city could ask ~~property owners and~~ developers that get substantial tax breaks to fund this program as part of their funding package to aid employment.