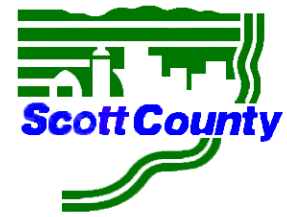


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Mayor William Gluba
Davenport City Council Members
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RE: City of Davenport's proposed consolidation and expansion of the North Economic Development Area and the I-74/53rd Street Economic Development Area and associated tax increment financing plans.

Dear Mayor Gluba and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed consolidation and expansion of the North Economic Development Area and the I-74/53rd Street Economic Development Area by the City of Davenport, to include the rail spur right of way and the rail port property in the Eastern Iowa Economic Industrial Center. The Board of Supervisors understands that by consolidating these areas the City will have the flexibility to use TIF income earned from anywhere in the consolidated Urban Renewal Area to finance the TIF Plan anywhere else in this consolidated district.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors supports the use of TIF as an economic development incentive for the creation of quality, primary jobs that are deemed to add real value to the Quad Cities economy and provide new employment opportunities. However, the Board has not supported the use of TIF as an economic development incentive for retail or service sector businesses that compete with other existing businesses for the same Quad Cities Area markets. The Board also has not supported the use of TIF to help fund public infrastructure needed to be extended to areas planned for such development nor to fund recreational or park amenities including bike paths. The Board believes that cities have other mechanisms available to fund such development and that the development of retail areas should be borne by the developers or business owners that benefit from such developments. The Board also does not support the use of "Internal TIFs" to fund city staff positions.

Scott County would like to continue the spirit of cooperation with the City of Davenport on economic development projects and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Tom Sunderbruch, Chairman
Scott County Board of Supervisors

xc: Craig Malin, Davenport City Administrator;
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