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Mayor Frank Klipsch
Davenport City Council Members
Davenport City Hall
226 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa 52801

RE: City of Davenport's proposed amendment to the City's North Urban Renewal Area Plan to allow the reimbursement to the City's General Fund for Economic Development Staff costs and other related activities.

Dear Mayor Klipsch and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment of the North Urban Renewal Area Plan to allow the reimbursement of \$275,000 to the City's General Fund for Economic Development Staff costs and other related activities. Ever since the City first notified the County on previous occasions of the use of TIF funding for economic development staff costs, the Board of Supervisors has consistently expressed its objection.

Even though the Scott County Board of Supervisors has supported 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, the Board has **not** supported the use of "Internal TIFs" to fund city staff positions as stated in this plan amendment. City staff costs are a City expense. Funding these costs through the diversion of property tax revenue means that County tax payers and the other taxing entities are subsidizing what is unarguably a City expense.

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,

Jim Hancock, Chairman
Scott County Board of Supervisors

xc: Corri Spiegel, Davenport City Administrator;
Mahesh Sharma, Scott County Administrator