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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 North Urban Renewal Area Plan to allow the use of tax increment financing funds to reimbursement the City's General Fund for economic development staffing costs.**

Dear Mayor Klipsch and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment of the North Urban Renewal Area Plan by the City of Davenport. The Board has consistently opposed the use of TIF funds for municipal general fund staffing costs.

The Board supports the use of tax increment financing for economic development projects which both increase the tax base and create new jobs. The Board also supports the use of TIF for urban renewal projects that reverse blight and declining property values but then only if it is to offset the extraordinary cost of such redevelopment in urban renewal areas. The Board does not support the use of TIF as an economic development incentive that gives an unfair advantage to businesses that compete with existing local businesses or that only create secondary market, retail, or service sector jobs

The Scott County Board of Supervisors appreciates the opportunity to comment on this plan amendment and believes the use of TIF by the City of Davenport to reimburse its General Fund for staffing costs is inappropriate. We do appreciate and would like to continue a spirit of cooperation with the City of Davenport on economic development projects and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Carol Earnhardt, Chair  
Scott County Board of Supervisors

xc: Corri Spiegel, Davenport City Administrator  
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