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To: Board of Supervisors

CC: Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator

From: David Farmer, CPA, MPA Director of Budget and Administrative Services

Date: October 3, 2023

Re: City of Davenport's proposed amendment to the City's North Urban Renewal Area Plan

The City of Davenport has notified Scott County of a proposed amendment to the North Urban Renewal Area Plan for an internal TIF.

The internal TIF amendment proposes to reimburse the General Fund for Economic Development staff costs and other economic development related activities such as economic research tools and training in the amount of \$275,000. The Board of Supervisors already has a policy in place which states that the Board opposes the use of TIF to reimburse the City for staffing costs. The County met with City staff on October 3, 2023 and discussed the need for further support of departmental successes. Funding is applied to multiple staff and departmental efforts including URA / TIF administration, competing grant applications, and networking with economic development partners for future opportunities.

The TIF informational meeting occurred October 3, 2023. The hearing is on October 18, 2023. Written recommendations to the City are due October 10, 2023. The Board has already passed a TIF policy that provides guidance on this matter. I have drafted a letter that includes the Board's TIF policy guidance for the Board's consideration and I will be available to answer questions and take direction from you on that letter at the October 10th Committee of the Whole.

CC: Chris Still, Interim Planning and Development Director
Wes Rostenbach, Accounting and Business Manager
Megan Petersen, Finance Manager

October 10, 2023

Mayor Mike Matson
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.

Dear Mayor Matson and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment of the North Urban Renewal Area Plan. The amendment includes one internal TIF amendment to allow the use of TIF funds to reimburse \$275,000 to the City's General Fund. As for the internal TIF amendment, the Board has consistently opposed the use of TIF to reimburse the City for staffing costs.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors appreciates the opportunity to comment on this plan amendment. While the Board is supportive of the increase to the tax base and creation of new jobs, the Board also believes the use of TIF by the City of Davenport to reimburse its General Fund for these economic development staff is inappropriate as a shared expense between all taxing bodies without further substantiation of successes. We would like to continue a spirit of cooperation with the City of Davenport on economic development projects that create jobs and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Ken Beck, Chairman
Scott County Board of Supervisors

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