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To: Mayor Troxell & City Council  
From: Jenny Schultz & Matt Robenalt  
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September 10, 2020

Hon. Mayor Troxell and City Council Members  
City Hall  
300 Laporte Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

**RE: 2021 Budgeting For Outcomes Offers**

Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”) Board of Directors met on September 10, 2020 and considered how to articulate its support for certain budget offers contained in the City Manager’s Recommended 2021 Budget relative to the interests of the DDA organization and the downtown area.

On behalf of the DDA Board, we express our sincerest gratitude for the City staff’s effort and collaboration with the DDA each budget cycle. We also appreciate the difficult and challenging decisions the City Council must make when considering which budget items most appropriately align with the community’s priorities and the funding challenges brought about by COVID. We thank you for your thoughtful deliberations.

The Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors respectfully submits this correspondence to express its strong support for Council approval of the following budget items that are **recommended** by the City Manager:

***Neighborhood Livability and Social Health***

- 28.4: Homelessness Initiatives – Continuing Support
- 42.40: Emerald Ash Borer Infestation Management

***Economic Health***

- 11.19: System Relocations Due to Road, Intersection, and Alley Improvements
- 26.11: General Improvement District (GID) - Capital Budget
- 40.40: Maintenance for Downtown Renovated Spaces (Linden St. - Walnut to Jefferson, Two Alleys)
- 40.60: Oak Street Plaza Renovation

***Transportation***

- 41.30: Horticulture/Streetscapes Crew Chief

The DDA Board of Directors encourages City Council to reconsider the following budget offer item that was **not recommended** by the City Manager.

***Transportation***

- *45.30 Parking Structure Preventative and Critical Repairs*

The DDA Board understands and recognizes that resources are limited in 2021, however, if there are some critical repairs needed in public parking structures today that will become more expensive in the future due to maintenance deferral, then these items would better serve the community if prioritized in this budget cycle. Please consider this offer at a more granular level to ensure that any deferred maintenance projects are considered for both the cost today and any added costs that might be incurred in the future.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and DDA management, thank you for your continued support of Downtown Fort Collins.

Sincerely,



Jenny Schultz  
Board Chair



Matt Ro benalt  
Executive Director