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Executive Department

cc: Council Members
Steve Hall
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June 21, 2017

Dear Councilmembers,

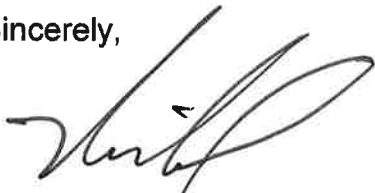
As property owners and businessmen in Olympia, we are writing in support of proposed CDBG funding package, in particular the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Downtown Safety and Façade Improvement and the Business Training and Technical Assistance programs. As stakeholders in Downtown Olympia, programs like these are crucial in assisting us and our tenants to not only survive but grow our local economy.

As downtown property owners, we constantly face the uphill battle of maintaining our properties so they not only appear to be clean and safe to the public, but ARE clean and safe for all. Even in successfully doing so, we also battle the general public's negative perceptions of downtown. Any new tools and assistance such as what would be provided through this CPTED program would be most welcome.

In regards to the Olympia Downtown Association's proposed Business Training and Technical Assistance program, we can have the most clean and safe buildings, but we must have thriving businesses as tenants as well. We have often worked with small, startup businesses as our tenants. Some of those small, one or two person businesses have grown and went on to occupy some of our larger spaces. However, having worked with tenants this long, we can definitely see the need for such a program to ensure more of our locally owned businesses have sustainable business plans to ensure their long term success. Their success is our success, which in turn benefits the City of Olympia.

Again, we are writing to you in full support of the CPTED and Business Training programs as part of the CDBG grant proposals. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael H. Reid
KBJ Investments, LLC
Managing Member



Stephen A. Cooper
KBJ Investments, LLC
Managing Member

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CC: COUNCIL
STEVE
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Olympia City Council
City of Olympia, Washington
PO Box 1967
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June 20, 2017

Dear Mayor Selby and Members of the Olympia City Council:

The Thurston County Chamber of Commerce concurs with the committee recommendation for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) program.

Specifically, the Thurston Chamber supports \$25,000 for “tune-up” business assistance with the Economic Development Council (EDC) and \$35,000 for downtown based training and technical assistance with the Olympia Downtown Association (ODA) as proposed. These two programs provide needed resources for economic development and will benefit low to moderate income clients. The projects will also help the City meet Housing and Urban Development objectives with the intent of providing long-term benefit community wide. The Chamber encourages the city council to adopt the committee recommendations and include the combined \$60,000 for the EDC and ODA projects in the 2017 CDBG program.

The Thurston County Chamber of Commerce agrees with the committee recommendation for the 2017 CDBG program and endorses the economic development goals addressed by the EDC and the ODA in their projects. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Thurston Chamber’s support and position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Doug Mah, Public Policy Division



THURSTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Tiffany Reid

From: Anna Schlecht
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Tiffany Reid
Subject: FW: Support for ODA's CDBG funding package

From: Susan Grisham
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Anna Schlecht
Subject: FW: Support for ODA's CDBG funding package

From: Shauna Stewart [<mailto:shauna@experienceolympia.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:46 PM
To: Councilmembers
Subject: Support for ODA's CDBG funding package

Olympia Council Members,

As the Executive Director of the Visitor and Convention Bureau, I value our relationship with the Olympia Downtown Association. A thriving downtown is essential to Thurston County's destination offering and under Todd Cutt's leadership, I believe this organization is poised to make a meaningful impact in the region's downtown.

The reason I'm reaching out is to support the ODA's proposed CDBG funding package. As I've shared before, Olympia's waterfront and the Olympia Farmers Market are the region's top draws to Thurston County. Important to this visitor experience is a vibrant downtown that feels safe and welcoming.

Local businesses help create a sense of place and provide a unique, one-of-a-kind experience for our of town guests. The ODA's request for Business Training and Technical Assistance, in partnership with the EDC, will help elevate the visitor experience with healthy and successful businesses. Additionally, a clean and safe downtown is essential for generating repeat visitors and positive word of mouth for our destination. The Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Program, proposed by the ODA, will provide tools and resources to business owners to improve the downtown shopping experience for visitors and locals alike.

Thank you for your continued investment in Olympia's downtown – it truly is an extraordinary place to visit. The work you do makes a difference and I appreciate your consideration for the ODA.

Best,
Shauna

Shauna Stewart | Executive Director
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The official destination marketing organization for Thurston County, WA

Tiffany Reid

From: Anna Schlecht
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 8:18 AM
To: Jill Esbeck
Cc: Tiffany Reid
Subject: Re: Public Comments Requested: Olympia CDBG 2017 Annual Action Plan

Hi Jill

Good catch, we will change the Program Year on page 2 and 4 to list Program Year 2017 - NOT 2016

Anna Schlecht
City of Olympia
(360) 753-8183

Sent via mobile phone

On Jun 8, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Jill Esbeck <jill@walkthurston.org> wrote:

Hi Anna,

Am I reading this wrong? In several places, on page 2, laying out the proposed funding distributions, and page 4, the grid of beneficiaries, the year 2016 is listed. Should this be 2017?

Jill M. Esbeck, MSW
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jill@walkthurston.org

On Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 11:52 AM, Anna Schlecht <aschlech@ci.olympia.wa.us> wrote:

Greetings!

The City of Olympia **wants your public comments on the DRAFT Program Year 2017 CDBG Annual Action Plan**. Attached please find a copy of this plan, which got a preliminary approval from the Olympia City Council last night. Following is a recap of the public process:

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HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period runs from June 7 – July 7, 2017, offering the following options:

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- **Emails** via councilmembers@ci.olympia.wa.us,
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We look forward to hearing from you!

M. Anna Schlecht / Community Service Programs Manager

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Tiffany Reid

From: Anna Schlecht
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Tiffany Reid
Subject: FW: Public Comments Requested: Olympia CDBG 2017 Annual Action Plan

From: David Schaffert [mailto:DSchaffert@thurstonchamber.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 5:12 PM
To: Anna Schlecht
Subject: Re: Public Comments Requested: Olympia CDBG 2017 Annual Action Plan

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2017, at 4:54 PM, Anna Schlecht <aschlech@ci.olympia.wa.us> wrote:

Hi David

Attached is a copy of what the ODA originally submitted for consideration, however be advised they are in the process of revising this in partnership with the TEDC. The goal is to offer a focused program of business training & assistance services for owners of downtown Olympia businesses.

This is part of an emphasis on our urban hub, bring a more balanced community development approach that includes social services, capital projects (CPTED safety & façade improvements) and business assistance, all intended to help our downtown face unique challenges.

I will provide more once it is available, thanks for contacting me!

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From: David Schaffert [mailto:DSchaffert@thurstonchamber.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 12:20 PM
To: Anna Schlecht
Subject: RE: Public Comments Requested: Olympia CDBG 2017 Annual Action Plan

Anna,

Hope all is well and thank you for information. Can you provide me with the proposed work the ODA is planning on doing under Business Training. I am already very familiar with EDC efforts.

Thanks

David

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David Schaffert

President / CEO

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