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Dave Askins, Editor
The Ann Arbor Chronicle
330 Mulholland Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48013

Dear Mr. Askins:

The State Tax Commission has completed an initial review of your correspondence dated January 2, 2014 regarding the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority. As noted in your correspondence, MCL 125.1681 states that "the State Tax Commission may institute proceedings to compel enforcement of this act." The Commission has historically declined the opportunity to institute such proceedings unless the matter in question had state-wide implications.

Our review indicates that the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority matters identified do not rise to the level requiring State Tax Commission intervention.

The decision to not proceed with an investigation of these matters does not constitute a decision regarding the compliance of the City of Ann Arbor and the DDA with the Downtown Development Authority Act, only a belief that there are more appropriate arenas for such review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelli Sobel".

Kelli Sobel, Executive Director
State Tax Commission