

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CITY COUNCIL'S "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANN ARBOR
DDA TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO REDEVELOP DOWNTOWN CITY-OWNED
PARCELS"**

Whereas, The Michigan DDA Act authorized DDAs to craft and implement development plans in accordance with the powers granted by the Downtown Development Authority Act 197 of 1975 as amended;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor DDA's 2003 Renewal Plan set forward that the DDA would work to encourage private development of public land to meet community goals, and attract people and businesses to downtown Ann Arbor, and this Plan specifically highlighted a number of City-owned downtown parking lots as sites for potential private redevelopment;

Whereas, On January 20, 2009 City Council approved "Resolution Requesting the DDA to Begin Discussions to the Parking Agreement with the City for a Mutually Beneficial Financial Agreement to Extend Payments to the City", because the City had elected to draw its rent payments early from the City/DDA Parking Agreement;

Whereas, This resolution led to the formation of the City/DDA Mutually Beneficial Committee, which has met regularly over the past year;

Whereas, This Committee has determined that they believe it would be beneficial to both the City and the DDA if the DDA were to take responsibility for facilitating the redevelopment process for City-owned downtown properties;

Whereas, On January 18, 2011 City Council will be asked to vote on "Resolution Authorizing that the Ann Arbor DDA Develop an Implementation Plan to Redevelop Downtown City-Owned Parcels", which would include the creation of a strategic parcel-by-parcel plan, solicitation of developer proposals through RFPs and RFQs, and working with City Council to select projects that best match the goals set forward in the parcel-by-parcel plan;

Whereas, The DDA looks forward to approval of this resolution by City Council;

RESOLVED, The DDA respectfully urges City Council support for "Resolution Authorizing that the Ann Arbor DDA Develop an Implementation Plan to Redevelop Downtown City-Owned Parcels."