



February 27, 2013

John McCarthy
CIB
Office of Financial Services
St Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

The Highland Business Association is happy to submit this letter of support for the 2014/2015 CIB proposal to upgrade the facilities for Highland Village Streetscape.

This project benefits our community in the following ways

- 1) The current condition of the sidewalks and planters are dangerous for pedestrians because they are broken and/or crumbling, creating hazards for pedestrians.
- 2) The Highland Business owners will be providing 75% of the funding for this project because they believe that improving the streetscapes will positively impact not only their businesses but the community as a whole making the area more accessible to all.
- 3) The crumbling planters and broken sidewalks are planned to be replaced with materials that are long lasting and environmentally friendly.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calida Cogan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

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