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St. Paul City Council President Russ Stark
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Councilmember Dave Thune, Ward 2
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Re: Support for TIF Funding for St. Paul Port Authority and the former Macy's Site on Wabasha Street

Dear President Stark, Councilperson Thune and St. Paul City Council,

McNally Smith College of Music supports Tax Increment Funding (TIF) as a component of the strategy to redevelop the former Macy's site and revitalize Wabasha Street.

As a long-time member of Wabasha Action Group, a confederation of Wabasha Street businesses and institutions dedicated to revitalizing St. Paul's Main Street, we join others in supporting St. Paul Port Authority's efforts to improve this site.

McNally Smith College of Music is dedicated to returning Wabasha Street to the showcase it should be. As our Campus and Student Housing are at each end of this downtown artery, we support all efforts to bring vitality, safety and life to Wabasha Street.

Sincerely,



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Hayley Johnson, Program Manager
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Cc: City Clerk, Shari Moore, shari.moore@ci.stpaul.mn.us