

APPENDIX D
Community Letters of Support



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Dr. Mike Bitz, Superintendent
Mr. Jeff Fastnacht, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Ryan Lagasse, Business Manager

Date: August 18, 2020
To: Ellen Huber, Business Development & Communications Director
City of Mandan
From: Mike Bitz, Superintendent 
Re: Renaissance Zone Expansion

The Mandan School Board approved the City of Mandan's request for the renewal and expansion of the Renaissance Zone at their regular school board meeting on Monday August 17, 2020. The vote was 8-0 in support of the renewal and expansion.



Morton County

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Commissioners:
Cody Schulz, Chairman
Andy Zachmeier, Vice Chair
Jackie Buckley
Ron Leingang
Bruce Strinden

Auditor:
Dawn R Rhone

August 24, 2020

Mayor Tim Helbling
City of Mandan
205 2nd Ave NW Mandan, ND 58554

Dear Mayor Helbling,

The Morton County Commission supports the City of Mandan's efforts to extend the Renaissance Zone designation for an additional five years and expanding the overall area.

The Renaissance Zone tax incentives will continue and enhance the progress of revitalization of the City's downtown. The extension of the program and targeted geographic expansion will allow for incentives that are attractive to potential developers and businesses looking at Mandan as potential site.

At our August 13, 2020 meeting the County Commission approved a Resolution of support for the City of Mandan application to extend the Renaissance Zone an additional five years as well as its geographic expansion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Schulz".

Cody Schulz
Chairman, Morton County Commission



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Commissioners:

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August 21, 2020

Ellen Huber
City of Mandan
205 2nd Ave NW
Mandan, ND 58554

Dear Ms Huber:

The Morton County Commission unanimously approved the City of Mandan's request for the renewal and expansion of the Renaissance Zone at their regular meeting on August 13, 2020.

Sincerely,

Dawn R Rhone, CPA
Morton County Auditor



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July 21, 2020

Mayor Tim Helbling
City of Mandan
205 2nd Ave NW
Mandan, ND 58554

Dear Mayor Helbling,

The Park Board of Commissioner supports the City of Mandan's efforts to extend the Renaissance Zone designation for an additional five years and expanding the overall area.

The Renaissance Zone tax incentives will speed up the revitalization of our downtown area. This is essential for our community today and in the future. Approval of extending the designated area while considering expanding the area will allow for incentives that are attractive to potential developers or businesses looking at Mandan as potential site.

The Mandan Park District strongly supports the City of Mandan application to extend the Renaissance Zone an additional five years while also exploring additional areas to include for future development.

Sincerely,

Cole Higlin
Director
Mandan Park District

Putting Mandan's future first with people, parks and programs.



July 16, 2020

City of Mandan
Attn: Mayor Tim Helbling
205 2nd Ave NW
Mandan, ND 58554

Dear Mayor Helbling,

The Mandan Progress Organization offers full support for the continuation and expansion of our city's Renaissance Zone. The incentives afforded through this program have prompted investment in our downtown that may not have happened without assistance.

Our board of directors recognizes the need of any organization to weigh the cost and benefits associated with programming. Data from Renaissance Zone projects to-date confirms an excellent return on investment.

We encourage you to continue to capitalize on this unique opportunity made available through our state legislature.

Respectfully,

Layn Mudder, 2020 President
Mandan Progress Organization



BISMARCK MANDAN

CHAMBER | EDC

August 18, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC, our Board of Directors and our nearly 1,200 members, please accept this letter as our formal support for the City of Mandan's Renaissance Zone (RZ) extension application.

As the business community's advocate and leader in economic development, support for Mandan's RZ is only logical. From an economic development perspective, this tool provides not one but two valuable incentives; one for property taxes and one for income taxes. And when making such a significant investment or reinvestment into a property to qualify for RZ assistance, every cent counts.

And if we assume that to be true, which certainly we do, then it's incumbent upon us as the business community's advocate to support the continued use of tools as we are right now. Mandan is competing for commercial investment or reinvestment on a continual basis and the availability of tools such as the RZ is just one more that will help ensure the community's continued growth.

All of these reasons and more and why our Board of Directors recently voted, unanimously, to support the City of Mandan's RZ extension application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (701) 223-5660 or britter@bmcedc.com

Sincerely,

Brian Ritter, President
Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC