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Nov. 10, 2022

Mayor Tim Mahoney
225 4th Street North
Fargo, ND 58102

Dear Mayor Mahoney,

On behalf of the Home Builders Association of Fargo-Moorhead, our board of directors, and our members, we strongly encourage the City of Fargo to prioritize the City's resources to ensure the safety of residents, businesses, and visitors in downtown and to protect the two decades of investments that have been made to revitalize downtown Fargo into a world-class destination.

Partnering with the City in efforts to make downtown Fargo an iconic destination, small and large businesses have chosen to invest millions of dollars in downtown to renew its economic vitality! Residents continue to flock downtown, whether to own or rent, to make it their home and reinvest in their community, expecting the neighborhood to offer the same level of comfort and safety that those neighborhoods have on the edges of town.

We support an increase in law enforcement and mental health resources to secure a healthy and safe future for downtown businesses and residents: this is critical to the success of our community and region.

The Downtown Engagement Center does wonderful work assisting those most in need, and we fully support its mission and accomplishments. While we acknowledge its location was chosen out of convenience due to the relocation of the police station away from downtown, this combination of actions may have resulted in unintended results. We urge an examination of the needs of the Engagement Center and to balance the additional community safety needs that come with this service.

Thank you for the work that you and the city commission, the city staff and all the first responders are doing to address these issues. While we have followed recent discussions and concerns, we realize that we may be unaware of the challenges you face to make strides toward a safer downtown. It is our sincere hope to see positive changes and a decreasing trend of aggression and violence for all of those businesses and residents who call downtown Fargo home.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,

Bryce Johnson
Chief Executive Officer

David Reid, Radiant Homes
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