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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 20, 2016

Mark Denkler
Chair
Vince Canning Shoes

TO: Mr. Donald Cooper, City Manager

Frank Frione
Vice-Chair
GFA International, Inc

FROM: Mr. Mark Denkler, DDA Board Chair

Albert Richwagen
Secretary
Richwagen's Bicycles

RE: Downtown Parking Program

Bonnie Beer
Treasurer
Caffe Luna Rosa

Pursuant to the DDA Board discussions at the April 11, 2016 meeting, we wish to reiterate our strong consensus and recommendations concerning the parking program in Downtown Delray Beach. We have also taken into account conversations with the Downtown Merchant Advisory Board, the Parking Management Advisory Board, restaurant owners, retail owners and consumers.

Ryan Boylston
Woo Creative

Our concern stems from the lack of a concrete parking plan for Downtown Delray Beach. We feel that the installation of meters without a comprehensive plan that includes resident and employee parking as well as information on where the funding from parking meters will be distributed is an egregious error.

Alan Costilo
Big Al's Steaks

The RFP 2016-057L Multi-Space Parking Meters does not include the full-scope of the parking plan your stakeholders and constituents have requested. It is our recommendation that a comprehensive parking plan for Downtown Delray Beach be written before further action is taken to approve or install meters.

Seabron A. Smith
TED Center

House Bill 1250, the bill establishing the Authority, charges us to "prepare an analysis of economic conditions and changes occurring in the Downtown area, including...such factors as metropolitan growth, traffic congestion, lack of adequate parking" as well as to "formulate long-range plans for improving the attractiveness and accessibility to the public of Downtown facilities". The DDA Board and Staff are ready and willing to contribute to the efforts of the City in the development of a parking plan for Downtown Delray Beach. Our consensus is to support the City of Delray and its Commission in its efforts to install meters after a comprehensive plan has been written and communicated to key stakeholders.

CC: Delray Beach Mayor and City Commissioners, Parking Management Advisory Board, Mr. John Morgan, DDA Board Members