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The DMNA Land Use Committee works to promote a safe, active, and welcoming public realm; a stable, civically engaged residential neighborhood; and architecturally distinctive urban design.

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Mr. Kevin Carroll, Principal Project Coordinator
City of Minneapolis
Department of Community Planning and Economic Development
505 4th Ave S, #320
Minneapolis MN 55415

RE: Redevelopment of the Crowne Plaza into the Hotel Indigo Northstar – 618 2nd Avenue South

Dear Mr. Carroll:

I am writing on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association's Land Use Committee to **express support for Kothe Real Estate Partners application to the Met Council's Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) for the redevelopment of the Crowne Plaza into the Hotel Indigo Northstar.** John Kothe from Kothe Real Estate Partners met with the DMNA Land Use Committee on September 7, 2021.

Mr. Kothe introduced the development team working on the project. He described their experience and provided examples of other successful redevelopment projects they have worked on. He reviewed the history of the Crowne Plaza and explained why the development team is interested in revitalizing it. Mr. Kothe then presented their proposal to redevelop the property into the Hotel Indigo Northstar.

After some questions and discussions, the DMNA LUC recommended support for Kothe Real Estate Partners application to the Met Council's Tax Base Revitalization Account for this project for the redevelopment of the Crown Plaza Hotel the Indigo Northstar. The committee expressed great appreciation for the development team's interest in breathing new life into a highly visible, historically significant downtown property.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at christie@thedmna.org, or 320-583-4573.

Sincerely,

Christie Rock Hantge
DMNA Neighborhood Coordinator

CC: John Kothe, Kothe Real Estate Partners
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