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January 11, 2010

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Communications in favor of the rezoning of 3814, 3822 and 3826 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Brown, Roger K.  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2010 10:02 AM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.; Bergman, Bruce E.  
**Subject:** FW: Rezoning west side 57th St.,north of Douglas

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FYI

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Thomas J. Clarke, Sr. [mailto:TCLARKESR@DWX.COM]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2010 9:47 AM  
**To:** Cownie, Frank  
**Cc:** Brown, Roger K.; Ludwig, Michael G.  
**Subject:** Rezoning west side 57th St.,north of Douglas

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

I represent J & J 1,LLC,the owner of 5701 Douglas Ave.,Des Moines,Iowa. The owner currently leases this property to Tuffy Associates Corp of Toledo Ohio. Tuffy has elected not to renew its lease after December 31,2009.

J & J 1,LLC and its members, Jerry Essner and Cheryl Abrams, have reviewed the proposed rezoning of the above property to limited C-2 uses. They support the proposals of Rich Eychaner regarding the rezoning.

The company understands that this matter is before you today and thought it important to let you know of its support for the rezoning and rebuilding of the area.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Clarke,Sr. Attorney for J & J 1,LLC.

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Via E-Mail – [MGLudwig@dmgov.org](mailto:MGLudwig@dmgov.org)

Mr. Michael Ludwig  
Planning Administrator  
City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

**Re: City Council Meeting – Rezoning**

Dear Mr. Ludwig:

As CEO of Merle Hay Mall, I am writing in support of the rezoning proposal on the three lots on 57<sup>th</sup> Street before the City Council this evening.

Completion of the redevelopment of the Merle Hay & Douglas corridor is critical to the effort begun back in 2007 by the City of Des Moines and the neighboring business in this area. Essential to that goal is the creation of sites large enough to attract modern retailers. Increasing the tax base in the surrounding area to fund TIF improvements to complete the vision of the Merle Hay area is also an important goal.

In challenging economic times, it is more important than ever to maintain the competitiveness of our commercial corridor. The rezoning proposal will help us succeed in that effort.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth I. Holland  
Chief Executive Officer  
Merle Hay Mall

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cc Mayor Cownie and Council Members (via e-mail)