

November 7, 2023

RE: FDBIRD Renewal

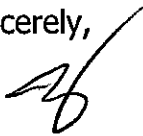
Mayor Daggett and Members of City Council,

Downtown is important to our community. The FDBIRD is funded by the property owners of the district to provide resources to benefit the economic health and vitality of our downtown. It is a demonstration of cooperation amongst the property owners of the district to tax themselves to create better outcomes. I was proud to support the formation of the FDBIRD in 2014 to invest in management, marketing and advocacy for our downtown and I fully support its renewal now.

The vitality and economic health of downtown is important to the overall well-being of our community. Downtown is the number one attraction (COF CVB) in our tourist based economy. The FDBIRD provides downtown with professional management and advocacy.

I encourage you to support renewal.

Sincerely,



John VanLandingham



John Vanlandingham <john@sagebrushtraders.com>

FDBIRD Renewal and letters of support

DAVID STILLEY <riverswine@aol.com>

Wed, May 3, 2023 at 6:23 AM

To: John Vanlandingham <john@sagebrushtraders.com>

Cc: mike@stdbg.com

Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Dave Stilley and it has been my privilege to serve as the chairman of the board for the FDBIRD for the last several years. I am happy to report that my expectations for the success of this endeavor have been greatly exceeded. Working cohesively with the DBA, I believe that we have achieved our goal of revitalizing and energizing our downtown, and in the process have turned it in to one of the top destinations in Arizona. The corresponding benefits to the community and the city are obvious. As a lifelong resident of our wonderful city, I am deeply gratified by the energy and vitality that our downtown now presents, and I am hopeful that you agree that we should continue our efforts in this regard. Thank you for your kind consideration. Best, Dave Stilley

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 11, 2023, at 10:54 AM, John Vanlandingham <john@sagebrushtraders.com> wrote:

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October 17, 2023

Email delivery through FDBA

RE: Flagstaff Downtown Business and Revitalization District “FDBIRD” Renewal

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

Please let this letter serve as our support for the renewal of the FDBIRD agreement.

As property owners of 111 E Aspen Ave and two local businesses downtown, we have seen how the additional tax has helped create a resource to improve the economic vitality by way of beautification, cleanliness, and vibrancy of our special and quaint downtown through the actions of the Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance (FDBA).

The FDBA has been an integral part of the outreach to locals and tourists alike; drawing people from all over to downtown. As a result, money is spent and tax dollars earned for the City of Flagstaff.

We feel, as paying property owners contributing through FDBIRD, this is something we can do to give back to the community to ensure our historic downtown is continually supported and resourced to ensure what we all want; an inviting and vibrant downtown for locals and visitors alike.

We appreciate your commitment to our city and downtown and hope you will consider supporting the renewal of the FDBIRD agreement so that FDBA can continue to further their goals to benefit the downtown we all love.

Sincerely,

Mark and Leslie Belsanti, Owners
111 E Aspen Ave
da Vinci Realty
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FMH ENTERPRISES, LLC
100 N Humphreys St • Flagstaff Arizona • 86001

March 7, 2023

City of Flagstaff City Council
c/o Greg Clifton
211 W. Aspen Ave.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

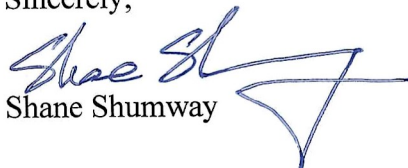
Re: Support for the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement and Revitalization District.

Dear Mayor Daggett and Council Members,

We would like to voice our support for the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement and Revitalization District (FDBIRD). We are a business owner in downtown Flagstaff and have operated the Marriott Residence Inn adjacent to Flagstaff City Hall for the last seven years. We are also proud members of the Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance.

Maintaining the vitality of downtown Flagstaff is important for the success of our business, the great associates who work with us, and the individuals who visit downtown. The FDBIRD plays an important role in achieving and maintaining this vitality and we are grateful for the organization, direction, and outreach that the FDBIRD provides. It is therefore our hope that the City continues to support the FDBIRD and renews its capacity as a taxing district. This renewal will allow the FDBIRD to continue to do the important work it engages in.

Sincerely,


Shane Shumway

 **COCONINO**
COUNTY ARIZONA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Patrice M. Horstman

District 1

Chair

March 27, 2023

Mayor Daggett and Council
219 West Aspen Ave
Flagstaff, Az 86001

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in support of the Flagstaff City Council re-approving the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement Revitalization District "FDBIRD". As a former downtown property owner and as a former board member of the Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance "FDBA" I fully support the continuation of this important district that has enhanced and revitalized our Flagstaff downtown. In addition to cleaning up the Flagstaff downtown area and making it more inviting for residents and visitors alike, through FDBIRD, the Board has been able to hire an executive director to manage our downtown and provide year-round events that attract visitors and spur economic activity for our downtown merchants. From the holiday tree lighting ceremony, Breakfast with Santa, Pinecone Drop, St Paddy's Day Pub crawl, Movies on the Square, Music on the Square, First Friday Art Walk and so much more, FDBIRD and FDBA has brought thousand to our downtown to enjoy free family fun.

The FDBA Board even tackled one of our city's thorniest issues, pay for parking. Which created a parking fund in excess of \$1 million dollars that will be used to provide more convenient parking options for our community and visitors.

FDBIRD and the FDBA are an essential part of our downtown and it is important that we continue to invest in our downtown and provide the advocacy and benefits that our downtown vendors, businesses and property owners both deserve and need. The downtown experience has been totally revitalized and re-invigorated due to the investment in FDBIRD and it's FDBA board. I urge you to continue to promote and advocate for our beautiful downtown and to continue making the heart of our town a vibrant and fun experience.

Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patrice Horstman
Chair, District 1 Supervisor
Coconino County Board of Supervisors



October 13, 2023

Dear Mayor Daggett and City Council:

As property owners in downtown Flagstaff, we urge to continue to support Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement and Revitalization District and the Downtown Business Alliance.

We believe they play a vital role in keeping our downtown area clean and vital. Their clean team and extensive calendar of events keeps residents and visitors downtown supporting and enjoying local businesses. They also encourage and facilitate relationships between the downtown business owners, enhancing our sense of community.

We believe the extra taxes we pay are well worth it to have a downtown we can be proud of and that our clients can feel comfortable visiting.

Thank you for time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Re: Support for the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement and Revitalization District

Dear Mayor Daggett and Council Members,

I fully support the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement and Revitalization District (FDBIRD). I am a partner in Bigfoot BBQ, in business for over 20 years now. I am also fortunate enough to own property in our downtown that house popular local businesses like Rainbows End and Sosoba.

Flagstaff a wonderful and unique place and its character and history is centered in our downtown. The special district puts a focus on keeping that district orderly, clean cared for. This in turn keeps our downtown an appealing destination for locals and tourist alike, which is critical in maintaining a healthy business environment. It is my hope that the City of Flagstaff continues to support its downtown by supporting FDBIRD and renews its capacity as a taxing district. Actions and investments like this will keep our downtown healthy for future generations to enjoy and prosper in.

Thank you,



Colby Ramsey

04 May 2023

Dear City of Flagstaff Mayor and Council,

My wife and I are downtown City of Flagstaff property and business owners. Kelly is a third-generation resident of Flagstaff, local high school and NAU Alumni.

We continue to be proud supporters and participants of FDBIRD. The revitalization of the downtown district can only be attributed to the dedicated attention and focus received by such a well-organized and funded, organization. The district feels like the destination area we hoped it would for locals residents, students and guests. We hope Council sees fit to continue the relationship with FDBIRD.

Best,

Mike and Kelly Tulloss

October 16, 2023

Flagstaff Mayor and City Council

In 1976, my father and I purchased our building and started our business, Peace Surplus, Inc. in downtown Flagstaff. Throughout the last 47 years, I have seen great growth and improvements in our historic downtown area. In the last 10 years, thanks to the committed work of the FDBIRD committee and their great accomplishments, our historic downtown area has flourished. The FDBIRD funds have supported increased marketing to support events, beautification projects, encourage community members and visitors to partake of the services, businesses, and beauty of our historic downtown, and has assisted in attracting new businesses who see the potential of success.

As a property owner in downtown Flagstaff, I highly recommend and encourage the continued support and renewal of the FDBIRD so we can continue to see growth and prosperity throughout our downtown community and all of Flagstaff.

Thank you,

Steven W. Chatinsky
Lola's Kids, LLC
602-999-5661



October 17, 2023

Flagstaff Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the renewal of the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement & Revitalization District, FDBIRD agreement.

As the ONLY self-taxing business district in Flagstaff, the FDBIRD is a demonstration of property owners' commitment to the continued success and importance of downtown. Downtown is critical to the overall wellbeing of the City. The FDBIRD is funded by the property owners of the district to provide resources that support the economic health and vitality of downtown. It is a demonstration of cooperation amongst the property owners to tax themselves to create enhanced outcomes.

The FDBIRD helps fund a professional team that works on behalf of property owners and businesses as an advocate and champion, keeping downtown top of mind with City and County leadership and elected officials. This has value for all stakeholders. With the FDDBA providing advocacy, management, Clean Team and stakeholder outreach, our downtown as a whole and our locally owned small businesses are able to succeed.

We appreciate the numerous free, family friendly events that create vibrancy downtown. Heritage Square programming has increased from 15 event days to more than 160 event days since the FDBIRD's formation, bringing tens of thousands of visitors and residents into downtown and into businesses. This is a direct result of the FDBIRD and the FDDBA.

With the FDBIRD we have taken strides towards a more successful downtown. Without it we would move backwards. I encourage you to support the renewal of the FDBIRD. The FDBIRD has helped ensure parking management and future parking supply remain priorities through passage of the Comprehensive Parking Management Program and implementation of ParkFlag.

From the holiday tree lighting ceremony, Breakfast with Santa, Noon Years Eve, Movies on the Square, Music on the Square, First Friday Artwalk and so much more, FDBIRD and FDDBA bring tens of thousands into our downtown to enjoy free, family fun and support our collection of locally owned businesses.

The FDBIRD is THE ONLY taxing district in the entire city, demonstrating property owners' investment and commitment to downtown's vitality. More than \$1.2 million has been invested into downtown's economic health and vibrancy in the past 10 years. Let's continue to build on that success by renewing the FDBIRD.

Sincerely,

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Whitney Cunningham
WC/jh

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October 18, 2023

Flagstaff City Council
211 W Aspen Ave
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

RE: Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement & Revitalization District

Dear Members of the Flagstaff City Council:

I am writing to express our strong support for the continuation of the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement & Revitalization District tax, FDBIRD, for business owners in the downtown area of Flagstaff, Arizona. Renewing this tax district will continue funding for the advocacy of the downtown area provided by the Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance ("FDBA").

The FDBA has served our community well by being an advocate and champion for our historic downtown area. I feel they were instrumental in supporting and returning vitality to our downtown following the COVID pandemic and always working year-round to promote tourism and business growth in the downtown area which helps our entire community. The renewal of the taxing district is critical to further their successes in supporting the economic health and vitality of downtown.

I encourage you to support the renewal of the FDBIRD.

Sincerely,



Timothy A. Dodt
Senior Director
N. AZ Commercial Banking Manager
(602) 509-5566 Cell
tdodt@alliancebankofarizona.com

Flagstaff Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to you to express my support for the renewal of the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement & Revitalization District, FDBIRD agreement.

Ten years ago when the FDBIRD was developed our downtown was in need of enhanced and coordinated services. At that time, the Flagstaff Downtown property owners voted to assess themselves for the FDBIRD through a Coconino County property tax assessment. This self taxing of property owners has allowed the downtown to flourish.

The tax that the property owners have taken on has been passed through to business tenants like Mountain Sports Flagstaff. Our family business is more than happy to contribute our share to the FDBIRD tax. The benefits to our business and downtown have been wonderful.

Thank you for continuing to support Downtown Flagstaff with the renewal of the taxing authority. This will allow our community downtown to continue to build successful activities and events for all the citizens and travelers that enjoy our Historic Downtown Flagstaff.

Sincerely,
Mark Lamberson Mountain Sports Flagstaff





Dear Mayor Daggett and City Council Members,

This letter is to inform the city council of the importance of renewing the FDBIRD. Our downtown is the heart of Flagstaff and one of the main attractions for tourists and locals alike. The beauty and vitality of this historic district is in everyone's interest. Without the FDBIRD, the upkeep of downtown would not be possible. The events hosted by the Downtown Business Alliance attract visitors to the downtown and in turn bring business to the downtown shops and restaurants. Terry Madeksza and her team are pertinent to the success of the downtown success and their positions would not be possible without the renewal of the FDBIRD.

Sincerely,
Dara Wong
Oeno LLC
Shift Flagstaff LLC

Flagstaff City Council
211 W Aspen Ave
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Subject: Support for Continuing the Revitalization Tax for Downtown Flagstaff Businesses

Dear Members of the Flagstaff City Council,

We are writing to express our strong support for the continuation of the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement & Revitalization District tax, FDBIRD, for business owners in the downtown area of Flagstaff, Arizona. As residents of this wonderful city, we believe that investing in the improvement and revitalization of our downtown is crucial for our community's continued growth and prosperity.

Downtown Flagstaff holds a special place in the hearts of both residents and visitors alike. Its unique charm, historical significance, and cultural attractions make it the heart and soul of our city. However, like any urban area, it faces challenges that need to be addressed in order to maintain its vitality.

The FDBIRD has already shown promising results by contributing to the beautification and enhancement of our downtown area. It has helped to attract new businesses, create jobs, and improve the overall quality of life for residents. This tax has not only preserved our rich heritage but also positioned Flagstaff as a desirable destination for tourists, which in turn benefits our local economy.

Renewing this tax program will allow us to sustain the momentum we have achieved thus far and continue making our downtown a vibrant and thriving place for everyone. I believe that this investment in our community is essential for the long-term well-being of Flagstaff, and we urge you to support its continuation.

We trust that you will carefully consider the positive impact that this has had on our downtown area and its potential to bring even greater benefits in the future. Please know that you have our full support in this endeavor and are confident that your decision will align with the best interests of our beloved Flagstaff.

Thank you for your dedication to our city and for your tireless efforts to make Flagstaff an even better place to live, work, and visit. We look forward to witnessing the continued growth and revitalization of our downtown area under your leadership.

Kazi and Erin Ahmed



Flagstaff Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the renewal of the Flagstaff Downtown Business Improvement and Revitalization District, which funds the work of the Flagstaff Downtown Business Alliance.

As the Manager of Late for the Train, I see how the work of the FDBA directly impacts our business in a positive way. The services provided by the Clean Team make a vast difference in the presentation of downtown to our visitors. The events produced by the FDBA team help to increase foot traffic and sales in our business.

The events and beautification efforts lead to increased vibrancy, furthering downtown's reputation as a destination for Flagstaff visitors.

I encourage you to support the renewal of the taxing district, as it is critical to the continuation of the FDBA's work.

Thank you,

Jason Murray

Late for the Train

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