



## REQUEST FOR GRAND RAPIDS EDA ACTION

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**AGENDA DATE:** April 16, 2024

**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:** Consider adopting a resolution authorizing a contract

**PREPARED BY:** Rob Mattei, Executive Director

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The agenda item following this recommended action will consider entering into a Purchase and Development Contract with the Free Range Food Co-op.

GREDA Commissioners Bill Martinetto, Malissa Bahr and Molly MacGregor and GREDA Executive Director, Rob Mattei are members of the Co-op but not officers or managers of the Co-op.

While Minnesota Statute 471.88, Subd. 4 specifically permits an Economic Development Authority Commissioner to participate in a vote on a contract with a Co-operative, GREDA wishes to avoid even a perception of a conflict of interest in this situation.

With that said, Commissioners Martinetto, Bahr and MacGregor, if present, will abstain for a vote on this resolution authorizing a contract with the Co-op and the resolution following this that approves entering into a Purchase and Development Agreement with the Co-op. Furthermore, Commissioners Martinetto, Bahr and MacGregor as well as the Executive Director Mattei have submitted Conflict of Interest Statements to the GREDA Board, which will be entered into the public record.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**REQUIRED ACTION:** Make a motion adopting a resolution authorizing a contract.