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To: DDA Board of Directors
From: Austin Colson – Community & Economic Development/DDA Director
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RE: Surnow Group Support Letter for MEDC

The Surnow Group is in the final steps of preparing a pre-application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to request gap funding from the Michigan Strategic Fund to complete the redevelopment of the old Annie Lathrup High School site. A letter of support has been drafted for all board members to review, an editable version can be provided for any changes desired prior to signing.

Signing the letter of support is crucial for board members because it demonstrates a unified and collective commitment to the success of the Surnow redevelopment project, which is poised to bring significant economic, social, and cultural benefits to Lathrup Village. The board's endorsement signals to the Michigan Strategic Fund that this project has the full backing of the local community and its leaders, increasing the likelihood of securing vital funding. This funding will not only facilitate the transformation of a key historic site but also catalyze further investments, boost local businesses, improve public spaces, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents. Your support is an essential step toward realizing these long-term benefits for the entire community.

The attached draft letter of support outlines the key points in favor of the Surnow redevelopment, emphasizing its potential impact on the economic growth and quality of life in our DDA district. I kindly ask that the DDA Board review the letter and, if in agreement, sign and return it at your earliest convenience. Your endorsement is crucial to demonstrating unified community backing for this transformative project.