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TO: DDA Board of Directors
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: June 26, 2026
RE: Community & Economic Development/DDA Director Confirmation

Background Brief: Following the announcement of the departure of the City's current Community & Economic Development/DDA Director, Austin Colson, the City initiated a recruitment process to identify a qualified candidate to continue advancing the City's economic development initiatives, Downtown Development Authority programs, redevelopment efforts, and community engagement activities.

The position was publicly advertised, and applications were received from a pool of qualified candidates. Following a review of submitted materials and interviews with four (4) strong candidates, Janet Bloom emerged as the most compelling candidate for the position.

Ms. Bloom brings extensive experience in economic development, downtown development authority operations, project management, grant administration, stakeholder engagement, and community revitalization. Throughout the interview process, she demonstrated a strong understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing small communities and downtown districts. She articulated a clear vision for supporting business retention, attraction, redevelopment, and placemaking initiatives.

Additionally, Ms. Bloom's experience working with local governments, businesses, developers, and community organizations aligns well with the goals and objectives of both the City Council and the Downtown Development Authority.

If confirmed, Ms. Bloom's anticipated start date would be July 6, 2026.

Previous Action: May 15, 2026 – Appointed CED/DDA Director Search Committee

Economic Impact: Funding for the Community & Economic Development/DDA Director position is included within the adopted Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget. Below is the estimated cost (salary + insurance/retirement benefits) of this employee working for the City of Lathrup Village.

Department	Cost Split	Proposed Salary	Benefits
DDA	90%	\$ 72,000	\$ 17,100
General	10%	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,900
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$ 80,000</i>	<i>\$ 19,000</i>

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to confirm Janet Bloom as the CED/DDA Director

Recommended Motion:

Moved by _____ seconded by _____ to confirm Janet Bloom as the Community & Economic Development/DDA Director for the City of Lathrup Village.

Bruce Kantor
Mayor

Kelly Garrett
Mayor Pro-Tem

Jalen Jennings
Council Member

Jason Hammond
Council Member

John Sousanis
Council Member