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Allison Anderson, PE
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City of Columbia – Public Works
701 East Broadway
Columbia, MO 65205

September 11, 2015

Dear Ms. Anderson,



The Downtown CID Board appreciates the opportunity to provide input in regards to the Room 38 patio seating request. While we do not provide approval for such requests, we are happy to review concepts and give feedback.

In general, the Board supports an active and visibly vibrant sidewalk. Sitting outside while dining and drinking during pleasant weather is enjoyable to customers and also conveys a sense of energy and vitality to visitors and passersby.

While the Board is in favor and advocates for the approval of this Room 38 request, we do ask that criteria be established by the City for future requests that would impact parking spaces and sidewalks. We recommend that approval factors be determined for a holistic review of proposals, such as location, existing sidewalk conditions, pedestrian flow and the potential impact to surrounding businesses.

If you have questions or would like to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact me at (573) 442-6816.

Sincerely,

**Katie Essing** 

Executive Director, Downtown Community Improvement District



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