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**Subject:** Downtown Grand Rapids, MI - History of the DDA, DID and DGRI

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City of Grand Rapids Mayor and Commissioners,

I would like to offer a history of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the Downtown Improvement District (DID), the Downtown Alliance and Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc. (DGRI).

From the creation of the DDA by state law to the DGRI offices where there are at least 21 people working there along with over 20 Downtown Ambassadors, I think you would learn a lot.

I would like to illustrate that what the "Grand Rapids City Commission" created in the past has gotten bloated and needs to be re-designed to offer better services to the residents and visitors of downtown Grand Rapids, MI.

Enclosed and attached 3 JPEG images of the 21 individuals with various titles who work at 29 Pearl St. Suite 100 in downtown Grand Rapids, MI.

Also enclosed is an information image that explains what the DDA - DID - DGRI should be doing to provide better information to the many who visit downtown Grand Rapids every day of the year.

Feel free to contact me by phone, text or email.

I will be placing this communication in a future "City Commission" agenda in "Petitions and Communications."

Scott Atchison