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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Michael Knox, Executive Liaison
Downtown Commission

DATE: May 27, 2014

RE: Downtown Commission Recommendation 20140521-004 — Barriers to Activating
Downtown Public Plazas

The Downtown Commission recommends that the City Council:

A) Amend Chapter 9-2 of the City Code to allow plazas to obtain automatically renewable annual temporary sound permits for events with amplified sound. This would apply:

- only for plazas in multi-story buildings in the downtown area that are zoned CBD or DMU
- only for plaza areas that are not reserved for, or licensed by, TABC permit holders
- only for activity that occurs between the hours of 7am–7pm, 7 days a week. Any activity with amplified sound outside these hours must obtain a permit

This permit may be revoked after an annual review

B) Possibly amend Chapter 25-5-2 of the City Code to call out downtown plazas as an approved use for assembly, events, etc. without having to get a temporary use permit.

Date of Approval: May 21, 2014

Vote: 10-0

For: Martin Barrera, Jude Galligan, Dale Glover, Rich MacKinnon, Jim Nix, Owen Snell, Lindsey Sokol, Heather Way, Bart Whatley, Bruce Willenzik

Against: none

Excused: Sunshine Mathon

Absent: Dan Leary, Joel Sher

Attest: Michael R. Knox
Michael Knox, Executive Liaison