

Calvin T. Brown Statement
Before City Council Finance Committee
July 29, 2021

Good morning Chair Dromm and members of the Finance Committee. I am Calvin T. Brown, Assistant Commissioner of Neighborhood Development at the Department of Small Business Services (SBS). I am joined by our BID Program Director, Roxanne Earley and BID Senior Program Manager Stephen Lee.

We thank you for the opportunity to report in person on the result of the objections filed with the City Clerk against the proposed expansion of the Madison/23rd/Flatiron/Chelsea business improvement district (BID), more commonly known as the Flatiron Partnership.

As required by law, the BID Expansion Steering Committee mailed the summary of the City Council Resolution to the following parties:

- to each owner of real property within the existing district and proposed expansion, at the address shown on the latest City assessment roll,
- to such other persons as are registered with the City to receive tax bills concerning real property within the existing district and proposed expansion, and
- to tenants of each building within the existing district and the proposed expansion area.

Additionally, the Flatiron Partnership published a notice of the public hearing at least once in a local newspaper having general circulation in the district. This notice specified the time and place where the hearing would be held, stated the proposed increase to the maximum amount to be expended annually, and provided information on changes to the assessment formula and the geography of the expansion area.

Furthermore, SBS arranged for the publication of a copy of the summary of the Resolution at least once in the City Record.

We would like to report on the result of the objections filed with the City Clerk against the proposed expansion of the BID. At the conclusion of the thirty-day objection period there were no objections filed with the City Clerk.

The Department of Small Business Services supports the expansion of the BID. In our judgment, the Flatiron Partnership will improve quality of life and business conditions in the district and surrounding area.

At this time, we are happy to take any questions.

Thank you.

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