



Hello DDA member,

On November 7, 2017, the Nederland Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") is asking the qualified electors for authorization to issue debt to cover projects to be undertaken by the DDA and paid for by its Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds. Elections are held as needed to authorize debt for projects aligned with the DDA Plan of Development and Master Plan.

So, what does this mean? Many of you may remember that we did this in April 2016. The ballot failed by 4 votes with only 60 votes cast. In order for the DDA to do projects, we need access to the property taxes that have been, and will be, assigned to the DDA. We have to ask you, the DDA members, for access to those taxes. This IS NOT a new tax. This tax has been, and will continue for another 25 years, to be allocated to the DDA.

You will find, with this letter, a FAQ for the DDA and a FAQ for the Ballot Process. We also included a self-addressed and stamped envelope for you to mail back the Designated Elector Form or Affidavit you received or will receive in the mail. You can find copies of the forms and letter on our website.

The big difference in this year's ballot process is you **DO NOT need to have your elector form or affidavit notarized**. We hope that this will encourage more people to submit their form and vote.

What might not have been clear in the first mailing and we want to emphasize is this election will be done by mail. Ballots will be mailed to the names we receive on the Designated Elector Forms so it is important that you or your organization/business designate a person to vote so you receive a ballot. (more info on the enclosed Ballot FAQ)

All of this is on our website. www.nederlanddowntown.org, including copies of the designated elector form and the Ballot language. So, if you already threw the mailing away and change your mind you can go there and download a new one.

I hope lots of DDA members decide to vote this time around. I am happy to answer questions, as is any DDA board member. The newly updated and approved Master Plan is also on the website or let me know and I'll email or mail you a copy. katrina@katrinaharms.com 303-578-8033

Sincerely,

Katrina Harms
Chair, Nederland Downtown Development Authority