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MEMORANDUM

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To: The Sandy City Council

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From: Brooke D'Sousa

Subject: Support for the First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

As you may recall from our last meeting, I presented Exhibit One outlining the proposed First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Sandy City and the Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency"). Following our discussion and the tentative approval of the amendment, I write to direct your attention to the revised version, which has been thoughtfully refined in response to concerns and feedback raised by the Mayor's office and reflects a deliberate effort to ensure institutional alignment and mutual respect between the branches.

While the amendment we previously considered was important, the revisions introduced in this new version represent a significantly softer approach and, in my view, a more effective and harmonious way forward. Key Points of the Amendment include:

1. A Collaborative Approach. This revision emphasizes collaboration between the City administration and the Agency, ensuring that both parties review and make mutual decisions on the occupancy and use of the Arbor Building. It reflects the Mayor's authority in a way that allows the Agency to safeguard financial interests, particularly as the city's bonds for the property are still outstanding.
2. Safeguarding Redevelopment Objectives. As we proceed with the acquisition of the Arbor Building, it is crucial that the terms of this amendment reflect our shared responsibility to ensure the building remains an attractive space for high-end tenants. This aligns directly with the need to meet the financial assumptions underlying the bond issuance.
3. Respect for the Mayor's Executive Leadership. Importantly, the revised amendment does not seek to undermine the Mayor's executive role or diminish her authority over municipal operations. It is, in fact, a recognition of the importance of collaboration in this extraordinary project. The amendment ensures the Mayor retains the authority over staffing, organizational structure, and operational management while respecting the unique needs of the RDA.
4. A Shared Responsibility. The amendment also creates a necessary framework for both the City and the Agency to monitor the progress of this project, ensuring a balanced approach that aligns with redevelopment objectives, economic assumptions, and the protection of public funds. This

balanced governance will ensure we remain accountable not only to taxpayers but also to our bondholders and tenants.

5. Why Approval Is Crucial. The acquisition of the Arbor Building is a major step forward for our city and a critical decision for our fiscal future. Given the significant investment of both time and financial resources, this amendment represents an appropriate, thoughtful, and prudent way to proceed. By approving this amendment, we are establishing a framework that ensures both transparency and collaboration between two important entities—the City and the Agency—while safeguarding the interests of all parties involved, especially the taxpayers.

As we all recognize, the future of the City’s campus and its long term financial position are directly and materially connected to this decision. It is therefore imperative that we adopt prudent structural safeguards and deliberate oversight measures to ensure the sustained success and fiscal integrity of this undertaking.

Given the complexity of the financial and policy decisions involved in the purchase of the Arbor Building, this amendment is not only appropriate—it is necessary.