

**Bowden (King), Anissa**

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**From:** Beaudry, Jacqueline  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2013 4:33 PM  
**To:** Bowden (King), Anissa  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed DDA Chnages

Here is another one to add to the Clerk's Report.

**Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk**

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**From:** Hieftje, John  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2013 4:32 PM  
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For the record.

Thanks,

John

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**From:** Tom Murray [<mailto:tmurray@conoroneills.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2013 2:35 PM  
**To:** Hieftje, John; Briere, Sabra; Kailasapathy, Sumi; Lumm, Jane; Petersen, Sally; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Anglin, Mike; Warpehoski, Chuck  
**Subject:** Proposed DDA Chnages

To Mayor Heiftje and the Ann Arbor City Council:

In 1997 I began the process of opening my business on Main Street, Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub & Restaurant. At the time, from my perspective, I was making a lifelong personal and financial commitment to operate my business in our downtown. I had many concerns about where are downtown was going but seeing what the DDA was doing made me feel comfortable that our downtown was heading in the right direction! Over these years I have observed many changes to our downtown landscape and I truly believe the DDA has been the catalyst for positive changes and successful development.

During these years I have also been an active member of the Main Street Association (MSAA) and most recently the last few years I have served as the MSAA President. In my different roles within the MSAA I have worked very closely with the DDA on many projects and initiatives and I have witnessed first hand that the DDA is an excellent steward for the development of our downtown community.

While I understand and respect that some of you believe that you may have good reasons behind these proposed DDA changes, I feel changes proposed may benefit the City (and other governmental agencies) in the short term but they WILL NOT BENEFIT the long term growth and stability of our downtown. I believe these proposed changes will ultimately hurt our downtown and I strongly urge all of you to reject the proposed ordinance amendments.

Tom Murray

Owner

Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub & Restaurant

President

Main Street Area Association