I. MAYOR

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng Proposes New Downtown Projects-City to pursue parking garage and high-rise building -(See Release)

*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents January Award of Excellence - (See Release)

*3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng and Lincoln Fire & Rescue will unveil one of the City’s new fire trucks at a news conference at 10:45 a.m., 02/14/06 -(See Advisory)

*4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: First Of New Fire Pumpers Arrives In Lincoln - (See Release)

*5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City of Lincoln - Snow/Traffic Condition Report - Feb. 16, 2006 - 9:15 a.m. - RE: 21 Public Works’ material-spreading vehicles were operating at 4am - (See Release)


**7. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Date Changed For Mayor’s Arts Awards-Nomination deadline extended, award artist and judges named - (See Release)

**8. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City of Lincoln - Snow/Traffic Condition Report - Feb. 16, 2006 - 4:30 p.m. - RE: City street crews have continued material-spreading operations throughout the day. At 7:00 p.m. tonight, street crews will begin spreading material in residential areas, with emphasis on hills and areas with stop signs. - (See Release)

**9. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of February 18-24, 2006 -Schedule subject to change -(See Advisory)
**10. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng and Brandt Excavating will begin the demolition of the former Misle building on the south side of “O” Street between 48th & 50th & the redevelopment of the area -at 10:00 a.m. Feb. 21st -(See Advisory)

**11. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Demolition Begins At 48th & “O” South Redevelopment-Public invited to open house tonight on street project for the area -(See Release)

**12. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng will have a news conference to discuss local planning under way in preparation for a possible flu pandemic at 2:00 p.m., 02/22/06 -(See Advisory)

**13. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Local Agencies Prepare For Possible Flu Pandemic -(See Release)


**15. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Lane Closures Begin Thursday On 48th & “R” Streets -(See Advisory)


17. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Union Bank and Trust Receives Community Conscience Award-Roger Larson honored for individual achievement -(See Release)

18. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng, Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey and Senator Chris Beutler will have a news conference to discuss LB 935 at 1:00 pm on 03/01/06 -(See Advisory)

19. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng Advocates More Fair Distribution Of Road Funds -(See Release)

20. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will discuss improvements in the City’s online payment system at a news conference at 10:00 a.m. on 03/02/06 -(See Advisory)
II. DIRECTORS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

*1. Response Letter from Doug Ahlberg to Danny Walker - RE: Emergency Shelters -(See Material)

FINANCE/BUDGET

**1. Material from Steve Hubka - RE: February Sales Tax -(See Material)

2. Letter from Steve Hubka to Joe Hampton - RE: City Budget -(See Letter)

FINANCE/CITY TREASURER


HEALTH

*1. Physician Advisory from Bruce Dart - RE: Bordetella Pertussis -(See Advisory)

*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Awards Nominations Sought -(See Release)

LAW DEPARTMENT

*1. Response E-Mail from Dana Roper, City Attorney to Steve Wolsleger - RE: Amendment to Chapter 8.22 which pertains to littering -(See E-Mail)

PARKS & RECREATION

2. Response E-Mail from Lynn Johnson to Patte Newman - RE: Two issues... green space at 44\textsuperscript{th} & “O” south side - (See E-Mail)

**PLANNING**

*1. E-Mail from Marvin Krout, Planning Director - RE: Development codes - (See E-Mail)

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION.....**

**1. Special Permit #06004 (Early Childhood Care Facility-North 73\textsuperscript{rd} Street & Logan Avenue) Resolution No. PC-00979.

2. Special Permit #06005 (Dwellings on third floor at 1401 O Street) Resolution No. PC-00978.

3. Special Permit #06003 (Expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling at 5800 Pine Lake Road) Resolution No. PC-00977.

**4. Preliminary Plat No. 04030 - Jensen Park Estates (South 84\textsuperscript{th} Street and Yankee Hill Road) Resolution No. PC-00980.

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

*1. Draft Media Release - RE: Open House Planned On Safety Project For S. 56\textsuperscript{th} Street from Linden St. To Quail Ridge Rd. -(See Release)

*2. Draft Media Release - RE: Open House Planned On Safety Project For Vine Street From 35\textsuperscript{th} Street To 44\textsuperscript{th} Street -(See Release)

3. Public Works & Utilities ADVISORY - RE: Pine Lake Road Widening; 40\textsuperscript{th}-61st - Project #700014 - (See Advisory)

4. Public Works & Utilities ADVISORY - RE: Pine Lake Road Widening-Project #700014, 40\textsuperscript{th}-61\textsuperscript{st} Streets - 56\textsuperscript{th} Street; Shadow Pines-Thompson Creek -(See Advisory)

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

*1. Letter, Amendment, & Map from Marc Wullschleger - RE: West O Redevelopment Plan -(See Material)
WOMEN’S COMMISSION

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Women’S Commission Honors Award Recipients- “Weaving Women’s Voices” pays tribute to annual award winners in saluting of International Women’s Day -(See Release)

III. CITY CLERK

*1. Response E-Mail from City Clerk Joan Ross to Steve Wolsleger - RE: Amendment to Chapter 8.22 which pertains to littering -(See E-Mail)

**2. Letter from Donald H. Bowman, Attorneys At Law - RE: Items 35 & 36- Resolution of Intent to Create Downtown Business Management Districts -(See Letter)

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP -

*1. E-Mail Response from Jon Camp to Maurice Baker - RE: Litter Ordinance -(See E-Mail)

*2. E-Mail Response from Jon Camp to Derek Buckley - RE: Flyer Ordinance Concerns -(See E-Mail)

*3. E-Mail Response from Jon Camp to Marc Schniederjans - RE: The Mayor’s proposed plan to tear down the Starship movie theater & other small businesses to build a new big building -(See E-Mail)

**4. E-Mail from Bob Goemann sent to Jon Camp - RE: New Arena -(See E-Mail)

5. E-Mail from Roger A. Wilkening to Jon Camp - RE: Proposed Bond for Parks & Recreation -(See E-Mail)
ROBIN ESCHLIMAN -

**1.** Report compiled by Robin Eschliman - RE: Report On Community Attitudes For Spending Priorities City of Lincoln, Nebraska -(See Report)

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

*1. E-Mail from Steve Wolsleger - RE: Amendment to Chapter 8.22 which pertains to littering (E-Mail forwarded to Dana Roper, City Attorney; & City Clerk Joan Ross on 02/15/06)(See E-Mail)

*2. E-Mail from Trudy Schneckloth - RE: The Starship Theatre -(See E-Mail)

*3. E-Mail from Derek Buckley - RE: Councilman Camp’s proposed changes to Lincoln’s littering laws -(See E-Mail)

**4. MEDIA RELEASE from Lori Seibel, Executive Director, Community Health Endowment of Lincoln - RE: Lincoln’s 5th Annual Health Challenge - ‘Hey Lincoln, are you ready for a challenge? - (See Release)

**5. Letter from Dana Houser - RE: “O” Street Construction -(See Letter)

6. Letter from Don Nordell, Aquila - RE: Taking additional steps to inform our customers and the community of the Alltel oversight to include Aquila in the December 2005 Lincoln Telephone Directory white pages -(See Letter)

7. Letter from Jack G. Krumm, Jr. - RE: Multiplex Theater -(See Letter)

8. Letter from Pegg Ammon - RE: Re-think the decision to give the protection agreement with one theater company - (See Letter)

9. E-Mail from Lindsey Hinkins - RE: Pornography is a destructive force in the lives of families & individuals around the country and in our community - (See E-Mail)

10. E-Mail - RE: Consumer Update - Attorney General Bruning Warns Consumers To Ask Questions When Giving To Charities -(See E-Mail)

11. E-Mail from Laura Baker - RE: Starship 9 -(See E-Mail)
12. E-Mail from Susan Rutledge - RE: Theater monopoly -(See E-Mail)


15. Letter from Attorney Paul J. Peter - RE: Core Business Improvement District Overlay - Downtown Business Improvement District - (See Letter)

16. Letter from Harvey Perlman, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - RE: Letter of support on behalf of the University on the Downtown Lincoln Association’s renewal of their business improvement district contract - (See Letter)

17. Letter from Jeffrey T. Altman, State of Nebraska Commission For The Blind and Visually Impaired to Mayor Coleen Seng - RE: Writing in regard to our conversation during the 48th & “O” Street Redevelopment project open house - (See Letter)

18. E-Mail from Moj Gano to Mayor Seng - RE: In response to the letter, seeking promotion of draconian smoking bans in Ontario -(See E-Mail)

19. E-Mail from Jim & Vicky - RE: Curious state of affairs -(See E-Mail)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2006.
**HELD OVER FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2006.
NEWS RELEASE  

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

INCLUDES ADDITION IN FOURTH PARAGRAPH
DATE: February 27, 2006, EMBARGOED UNTIL 7:30 A.M. February 28, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

UNION BANK AND TRUST RECEIVES COMMUNITY CONSCIENCE AWARD
Roger Larson honored for individual achievement

Mayor Coleen J. Seng presented Union Bank and Trust with the Mayor’s Community Conscience Award for 2006 at a breakfast ceremony this morning at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The award was established in 2000 to honor local businesses for their generosity, civic spirit and community leadership. Roger Larson was presented with an Individual Achievement Award.

Union Bank and Trust was founded in 1917 and is the third largest privately-owned bank in Nebraska with 34 offices in Nebraska. The bank’s board of directors has established an annual share of earnings for contributions in the areas of education, the arts and community betterment.

“Over the past five years, Union Bank and its holding company have contributed more than $5 million to a wide variety of community groups and organizations,” said Mayor Seng. “The bank’s employees also generously donate their time and talents to charitable and civic causes. Union Bank is giving back to the community in so many ways and improving the quality of life for all of us.”

Larson works in community relations for Wells Fargo, does commentary on KLIN Radio and had a 39-year career at KFOR Radio. Over the past 50 years, he has served on the boards of more than 40 Lincoln organizations, often as president. He currently serves on the City-County Planning Commission.

“Roger continues to be a community leader in so many ways,” said Mayor Seng. “He has a real commitment to making this an even better community for future generations. With his positive attitude, hard work and leadership ability, he has accomplished a great deal for Lincoln and is a wonderful example of a civic responsibility.”

The awards breakfast featured Bill Johnston, publisher of the Lincoln Journal Star, as the keynote speaker. The award winners were chosen by a committee of local business leaders. Previous winners were Pfizer in 2000, Ameritas in 2001, NEBCO in 2002, the Lincoln Journal Star in 2003, State Farm in 2004 and BryanLGH Medical Center and St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in 2005. Brad Korell received the first individual achievement award in 2004, and Mary Hepburn O’Shea received it in 2005.

The breakfast presentation was taped by 5 CITY-TV to air on the government access cable channel. A schedule is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.
DATE: February 28, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, Mayor Seng’s Office, 441-7831
Joe Gudenrath, Communications Director, Mayor Fahey’s Office, 444-5921

Mayor Cojleen J. Seng, Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey and Senator Chris Beutler will have a news conference to discuss LB 935 at 1 p.m. **Wednesday, March 1 in Room 1510 at the State Capitol.** The bill would transfer a portion of motor vehicle sales tax revenue from the general fund to the highway fund, making more funding available for local street and road projects. Mayors Seng and Fahey will testify in favor of the bill before the Revenue Committee at its hearing at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1524.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 1, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR SENG ADVOCATES
MORE FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF ROAD FUNDS

"I am pleased to be here today with Mayor Fahey and Senator Beutler to discuss an issue of critical importance to the State of Nebraska. Nebraska’s cities are facing an infrastructure crisis that threatens our State’s economic growth.

"Infrastructure is key to attracting jobs. The City of Lincoln has an estimated shortfall of about $135 million for street needs. While Lincoln is growing and adding jobs now, we know the looming shortage of street funds will hamper our growth, our job creation and economic development. The only thing that holds Lincoln back is a shortage of street money.

"The current distribution of gas and motor vehicle sales tax revenue adds to the problem. Cities like Lincoln and Omaha and many other communities contribute far more in gas and motor vehicle sales taxes than we receive back in road construction money. Lincoln gets back only 29 percent of the money that Lincoln drivers contribute to the highway fund. By contrast, the State of Nebraska receives back from the federal government’s gas tax formula more than 90 percent of what it contributes.

"Cities fuel the State’s economic engine. If the cities’ economic development begins to suffer because of a lack of infrastructure, the State also will be hurt from drops in sales and income tax receipts.

"We will ask the Revenue Committee to begin to address this imbalance by passing LB 935. The bill will bring new roads monies to Lincoln, Omaha and all Nebraska cities by providing a higher return of what we contribute in roads taxes. The bill will not increase taxes. It will boost the economy. It divides the money using a simple and fair formula based on population.

"LB 935 restores some fairness to our state system of funding local streets. It will help our local governments build roads to encourage growth and attract new jobs across the State.

"LB 935 is simple, fair, and will create economic growth in our communities."
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: March 1, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will discuss improvements in the City’s online payment system at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 2 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, second floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.
CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 2, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
                    Terry Lowe, Information Services, 441-7471

CITY ENDS FEES FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS

Mayor Coleen Seng announced today that City Departments will no longer charging processing fees to pay bills online. Those using e-pay services at lincoln.ne.gov can pay parking tickets, reserve event parking, renew animal licenses and pay water bills. Criminal history checks have already been available to purchase without a processing fee.

“Eliminating these fees continues our efforts to make City services focused on being more consumer-friendly and convenient,” said Mayor Seng. “Eliminating these fees will encourage more to use e-pay, which is convenient for residents and more efficient for the City. Dropping the fees keeps the City on cutting edge by using technology to benefit citizens and makes customer service the priority it should be. It is a good investment in technology.”

Mayor Seng said the elimination of the fees is possible because e-pay is beginning and will continue to reduce the amount of staff time necessary to handle and process checks and cash payments. Also, in the case of water bills, sending bills electronically (e-billing) is eliminating the cost of mailing bills and producing a savings. Seng said the more citizens use e-pay, the more efficiency the City will experience. Ultimately, it could reduce the need to adding staff as the community grows.

The City-County Web site, InterLine, is currently celebrating its tenth year, and Lincoln was recently named a “Top Ten Digital City” by the Center for Digital Government. The first e-pay transaction was processed on February 26, 2002. Since then, the Web site has processed more than 60,000 online credit card transactions involving more than $7 million.

“The response from those using City e-pay services makes it clear that they prefer to make online payments, and we are thrilled to now offer the service ‘convenience fee-free’ to the public,” said Terry Lowe, Systems Coordinator for the City’s Information Services Division.

Information Services continues to develop new e-pay services. Later this spring, season swimming passes will be available online from the Parks and Recreation Department.
February 24, 2006

Joe Hampton  
3418 Cape Charles Road West  
Lincoln, NE 68516

Dear Joe,

Your note the other day asked for an update of the information I provided to you in September of 2003. Below are amounts budgeted of City funds for the 2005-2006 budget year. These are broken out between operating costs and capital improvement costs. The vast majority of what is budgeted from these funds in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is connected to constructing or reconstructing streets. However, some of the $1,542,300 General Fund CIP dollars in the Streets and Highways CIP are the Parks and Urban Development contribution to the Antelope Valley project for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Also, please keep in mind that the figures Karl showed you included Watershed and Management which I do not believe you were interested in showing back in 2003 when you requested this information. In addition Karl’s numbers were for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, not 2005-2006.

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* Includes $1,766,100 for debt service on Highway Allocation Bonds issued in March of 2004.

I hope this is the information you are looking for. If you have any questions or need anything else you can reach me at 441-7698.

Sincerely,

Steve Hubka

Copies:
City Council
Mayor Seng
Don Herz
Karl Fredrickson
February 27, 2006

Michael Carlin
Friends of Wilderness Park
2700 West Paddock Rd.
Lincoln, NE 69523

Re: Verbeek Property

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Verbeek property located south of Saltillo Road and Wilderness Park. We also had become aware that the property is being offered for sale and have done some investigation. One of the challenges in conserving land is determining which areas are the most significant and therefore the highest priority. As you may know, the majority of the Verbeek property is shown within the floodway on the Salt Creek map update, is outside the future service limit and shown as Green Space in the Comprehensive Plan, all of which limit the development potential. Thus, it is possible that the preservation of other areas may merit more urgent attention. The Lancaster County Ecological Advisory Committee is currently developing an assessment method for evaluating the conservation value of land. This assessment tool will assist in evaluating and prioritizing individual properties, such as the Verbeek property, as they become for sale. The assessment tool will also be valuable in developing a long-term strategy for conservation of environmentally sensitive lands.

We share the interest and enthusiasm of Friends of Wilderness Park for conserving additional area of floodplain along Salt Creek south of Wilderness Park. In March, we will be making a presentation to a joint meeting of the City Council and the County Commissioners regarding land acquired and conservation easements established during the past five years implementing policy direction of the Lancaster County/City of Lincoln Comprehensive Plan. We would be pleased to attend an upcoming Friends of Wilderness Park meeting to share this report. In April, we plan to reinitiate discussions regarding an interlocal agreement between the City, the County and the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District regarding conservation and management of open space and park land. This interlocal agreement expands upon the cooperative work that has been done on a project-by-project basis, and will allow cooperative budgeting for land conservation, land acquisition
and management activities. Having a budget will allow pro-active efforts to develop a long-range land conservation strategy and to seek grant funding.

We look forward to working with the Friends of Wilderness Park in developing a long-term strategy for implementing the open space goals of the Comprehensive Plan, including conservation of floodplain areas south of Wilderness Park. Please phone me at 441-8265 with questions or comments.

Regards,

Lynn Johnson
Parks & Recreation Director

cc: Mayor Coleen Seng
    Lincoln City Council Members
    Lancaster County Commissioners
    Board of Directors, LPSNRD
    Glenn Johnson, LPSNRD
    Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities
    Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Public Works & Utilities
    Marvin Krout, Planning
    Terry Genrich, Parks & Recreation
Patte: Thanks for your message. I've noted my responses to your questions in italics below. Please let me know if you have additional questions or comments. Thanks, Lynn

1. A constituent asked me about the little green space at 44th & O - southside. He has apparently asked four different people and received a couple different (and as time goes by differing) versions of what will happen there. It's next to the XXX video place. One version was that the City was selling the land to the video owner. Can anyone tell me what is happening with that?
   I know I asked Lynn about a half pipe for skateboarders there a good year ago - but that was way before the O Street six laning was pushed forward.

   There are currently two streets (the extension of 'M' Street and 46th Street) that access 'O' Street on either side of the green space. Public Works would like close the extension of 'M' Street in conjunction with the 'O' Street widening project. There are four lots that take access from this street. Three options were considered in conjunction with closing the street at 'O' Street: a hammer-head, a cul-de-sac, and a street connection to 46th Street. The preferred option was the street connection to 46th Street (the hammer-head creates an awkward end to the street, and the cul-de-sac "ate up" most of the green space).

   It is my understanding that Urban Development has been working with the owner of the building where the adult video store is located regarding redevelopment of the site. (The operator of the adult video store is a tenant.) Additional land may be needed in order to make construction of a new building and parking a viable project. Consideration is being given to combining some or all of the right-of-way associated with the 'M' Street extension with the current lot as part of a redevelopment project. A condition of the redevelopment agreement would likely be that future use of the new building be "neighborhood friendly" (i.e., no adult video or book stores, no alcohol sales, etc.).

   We plan to retain and re-landscape the remaining green space. I recently spoke with Fred Freytag of the Witherbee Neighborhood Assn. regarding the area and gave him the information above. He indicated that they may have an interest in having the Neighborhood Assn participate in a landscape project, and that they support redevelopment of the site where the adult video store is located.

2. Robin, Annette and I were on KLIN this morning and a gentleman called in to ask about the green space bond issue. He thought it would be very good to have an open house of some sort to educate people about the south beltway, the green space plan and how everything coordinates together. All of us agreed it was a great idea. I know that you can't promote a bond issue - but you could certainly hold something (preferably in central Lincoln like the Auld Center) to pull all the pieces together with DOR, FHWA, Parks, etc. We basically told the caller that if that was not already in the works we would try to get it done. I know Citizens for Quality Parks will be promoting the bond - but this is a bigger thing. This is, once again, the route of the beltway, where you want to purchase land, the connections etc. Is it possible to do something like that?
Great idea! We can coordinate with Public Works and partners to sponsor an open house on the projects.

Citizens for Quality Parks and Trails is meeting tomorrow evening, March 1, to develop a strategy for promoting the bond issue. I'll let them know about the idea of an open house, as well.

Thanks.
Patte Newman
February 24, 2006

Pine Lake Road Widening; 40th - 61st
Project #700014

The construction season is early this year just like the calls concerning the seeding and sodding of your back yards along Pine Lake Road. I have been working with the contractor, Constructors Inc., regarding their schedule. I have included some information that might explain the City requirements.

The City’s guide line for seeding is low maintenance turf from mid-April to the end of May and medium-high maintenance turf from mid-August to the end of September. Thank you for your patience with the City regarding this project.

The lot corners have been staked. I have attached a form that was previously used on this project west of Beaver Creek so that you can proceed with the installation of the fences and back yard completion if you so desire.

Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Charlie Wilcox, Senior Engineering Specialist
Engineering Services, Public Works and Utilities
Phone: 441-7532
Cell: 440-6067
EMail: cwilcox@lincoln.ne.gov
March 1, 2006

Pine Lake Road Widening - Project #700014
40th - 61st Streets
56th Street; Shadow Pines - Thompson Creek

This letter is a reminder that if you have fences or landscaping which you want to save, please plan to relocate them by March 17, 2006 to avoid any unwanted damage. LES, Time Warner, and Alltel are planning to do work starting the week of March 6, 2006 weather permitting and are willing to work around fences and landscaping. The Contractor will not be responsible for items that are within the easements once work has started after March 17, 2006.

Phase 4
In Pine Lake Road east of South 56th Street to South 61st Street with work on the box culvert east of the intersection of 56th followed with the paving of the roadway to 61st Street. Anticipated completion of this phase is late spring or early summer of 2006.

Phase 5
This phase in South 56th will begin as soon as the work in Pine Lake Road east and west (not through the intersection) of South 56th can be opened to east/west traffic. Anticipated completion of this phase is late winter of 2006.

If you have problems or questions during the construction period, please contact Eric Anderson or Steve Samuelson with Constructors Inc. at 434-1764 or the City of Lincoln Project Manager for additional information.

Charlie Wilcox, Senior Engineering Specialist
Engineering Services
441-7532/440-6067
cwilcox@lincoln.ne.gov
Please put in Council packets

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

-----Original Message-----
From: Roger Wilkening <rwilkening@neb.rr.com>
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Mon, 27 Feb 2006 10:12:06 -0600
Subject: Proposed Bond for Parks and Recreation

Mr. Camp:

I know you are busy so briefly:
Lynn Johnson seems to be out of control, always asking for more funds here and there. Maybe 1.60 per 100,000 doesn't seem like a lot but everything has its cost. This is just acquisition not the future maintenance and running of the sites. My question is where is all of this new money from New Buildings, New Houses, etc., going? Seems like sooner or later we are going to make it very unattractive for people to move to Lincoln, and new business, as well as old, will consider moving or not coming. Also, I am considering moving as soon as I retire in 3 to 4 years. Taxes are just plain out of control. Please keep a lid on it. Necessity only.

Especially with the Fire Dept., not being able to control cost of ambulance. Perhaps Privitization really is better?

We gave up a company that did not cost us anything and now we are paying for it, what a deal.

Roger A. Wilkening
3401 Prescott Ave.
Lincoln, Ne. 68506
402-488-0372
rwilkening@neb.rr.com
February 23, 2006

Council Member Ken Svoboda
City of Lincoln
County-City Building
555 So. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Ken:

I wanted to let you know that we at Aquila are taking additional steps to inform our customers and the community of the Alltel oversight to include Aquila in the December 2005 Lincoln Telephone Directory white pages. This is not only an issue for service matters, but it is also a safety issue that merits notification beyond the insert distributed in Alltel bills last month.

We are printing stickers that will be included in all of our Lincoln customers’ bills in March. Also, we are scheduling an advertisement in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Recently we were able to resolve the issue that Alltel also did not have the Aquila number available in the 411 directory assistance.

Our thanks go to the city staff. They have had to answer numerous questions from our customers. We know this is time-consuming and an added work load. Please call me if you have any questions or additional concerns.

Best regards,

Don Nordell
Lincoln Operations Manager
402-437-1779

Enclosure
DEAR LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS,

Hi! How are you all doing? I hope that life is going well. I won't take up much of your time, but I want to comment on an issue, and I hope that you will take the time to consider it.

I am writing in the hope that in some way, that you would consider allowing to go along with Eiger Corp.'s proposed multiplex theater. It is proposed to be located at 84th and Highway J.

Movie theaters SHOULD be allowed to be built in other parts of the city of Lincoln besides the downtown area. City supported monopolies are unacceptable public policy. Other businesses compete with each other no matter their location. Theaters should be of no exception.

I am writing this so that possibly, the so-called "theater policy" will be changed for the benefit of the citizens of Lincoln.

Thanks for your time,

Jack G. Krumm, Jr.
Jack G. Krumm, Jr.
4712 "M" St.
Lincoln, NE 68510
Dear City Council,

I am requesting that you re-think the decision to give the production agreement with one theatre company. It is curious as to why a monopoly was created. That seems to try for an explanation.

You don't need to travel far to find elegant and innovative theatres. Why has theatre control helped?

Thank you

Sage; Ammon

Let's don't wait until 2012 to correct it! Why not now?
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Lindsey Hinkins
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City: Lincoln, NE, 68504
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Comment or Question:
As I'm sure you are aware, pornography is a destructive force in the lives of families and individuals around the country and in our community. It destroys lives by leading people to do perverse things they wouldn't normally do; this process starts out small with pornography that doesn't seem serious, and then develops into a dangerous addiction. That is why I am so alarmed every time I drive down 27th Street near Superior (by the Burger King) and see a pornographic billboard showing a woman with no clothes on, advertising the Sun Palace tanning salon. This shows bad taste by the business and also by the city of Lincoln in allowing this inappropriate material to be shown in a place where everyone driving by will see. I am very disappointed by this, and know of many others who feel the same way. I seriously hope that you as the city council will do something to correct this. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Hinkins
ATTORNEY GENERAL BRUNING WARNS CONSUMERS TO ASK QUESTIONS WHEN GIVING TO CHARITIES

(Lincoln) Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning is warning consumers to be cautious when they receive charitable solicitations. Legitimate law enforcement agencies are currently conducting telemarketing campaigns in Nebraska, but a questionable organization is also taking advantage of Nebraskans’ desire to help law enforcement.

“Most Nebraskans have limited resources when it comes to charitable giving. Their hard earned money should go to local law enforcement throughout the state, not to the fund-raisers,” said Attorney General Jon Bruning.

The “American Deputy Sheriffs’ Association” is a non-profit corporation headquartered in Louisiana that asks for donations by telling people that the money will help Nebraska law enforcement agencies with things like bullet-proof vests and benefits to families of officers killed in duty. The callers use high-pressure, deceptive phone solicitations to make Nebraskans believe that the caller is a local law enforcement person, and that donations are put to good use in the community of the Nebraskan being called.

In reality, the callers are paid professional fund-raisers. 89% of the donations are paid to the professional fund-raisers, and only 4% of the donations are actually spent on program services.

The legitimate law enforcement agencies currently conducting telemarketing campaigns are the Nebraska Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Nebraska Sheriff’s Association, the State Troopers Association, and the Police Officers Association of Nebraska.

When a Consumer receives a charitable solicitation, they should ask questions before donating. Good questions to ask are:

- What is the specific purpose of the organization?
- Exactly what kinds of programs and services will my donation go toward?
- Does the group provide services in Nebraska or the local community? If it is a police or firefighter group, does any of the money benefit local departments? What local departments receive the money and how much do they receive?
- What percentage of my contribution goes toward salaries or other administrative costs?
- Are you a paid solicitor or a volunteer? Are you paid a salary or a commission?
- Does the organization have a detailed financial report? Is there additional available written information about the group? (Ask for copies before donating).
- Is my donation tax deductible? (Ask for a copy of the charity’s
exemption letter, or call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040 to check if the group is exempt).

Don’t be pressured into making an immediate decision. If you don’t personally know the charity, insist on written material before making a decision to donate. For additional information on consumer protection, visit the Attorney General’s Web site at www.ago.state.ne.us or call (800) 727-6432.

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If you would like to unsubscribe from this email list, please email: NEDOJ@ago.ne.gov with this request.
My husband and I were very disappointed to hear of the mayor's plan to tear down the Starship 9 movie theater. Apparently the mayor believes that closing a thriving and popular business will somehow be good for downtown Lincoln's economy. Her plan is woefully shortsighted. Many families, along with college students, depend on the Starship for affordable entertainment. Two dollars a ticket is much easier on the wallet for a struggling family of four than first run ticket prices. My husband and I moved to Lincoln so he could attend UNL and therefore live in walking distance from the capital and downtown. However, a woman I spoke to at work about the Starship closing said that it was the ONLY reason she and her family drive downtown. By closing this theater the mayor is cutting off a large draw to the downtown.

From what I can gather from the mayor's press release she does not seem to have any specific businesses ready to occupy this high-rise. Why replace a thriving business with an essentially empty building and a parking garage?

I hope the city council will not approve of the mayor's plan to tear down this theater.

Thank you,

Laura Baker
I am urging the city council to abandon the city supported monopoly dealing with the 6-screen theater complex issue. This policy is unfair and unethical. I believe healthy competition is critical and the Brehm family has way to much control over the city politicians. No other industry in Lincoln has this type of control on it. Why not issue a ban on restaurants or stores or offices? I know why, the Brehms control the politics and we need to bring back democracy.

Susan Rutledge
February 28, 2006

Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th Street, Room 111
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Re: Sewer District No. 1181

Dear Members of the City Council:

Please be advised that Glyndon Knutson, the owner of Lot 75 I.T., located in the SW 1/4 of Section 11, T9N, R7E, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, is in support of the creation of Sewer District No. 1181 and its construction this spring, but reserves unto himself the right to articulate a position contesting the proposed assessments. At the time of the assessment, we will take the opportunity to present to the City Council our position relative to a request for a partial City subsidy relative to the cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack G. Wolfe
jwolfe@wolfsnowden.com

JGW: bdc
pc: Glyndon Knutson
Charles D. Humble, Esq.
February 28, 2006

Lincoln City Council  
County-City Building  
555 South 10th Street, Room 111  
Lincoln, NE 68508  

Re: Sewer District No. 1181  
Our File No.: 16169.40126  

Dear City Council Members:

We represent Mike and Manette McKeeman, owners of real property apparently to be included within the boundaries of Sewer District No. 1181, which is the subject of Bill No. 6-12. The McKeemans are in support of the creation of the sewer district, but such acquiescence is not to be construed as approval of the proposed assessments which will flow from the creation of Sewer District No. 1181. The McKeemans specifically reserve their right to contest the proposed assessments, if necessary. At the time of the assessment, the McKeemans may wish to join Glyndon Knutson in requesting a partial City subsidy relative to the cost.

Very truly yours,

Charles D. Humble

CDH:rjj  
e: Mike and Manette McKeeman  
    Jack G. Wolfe, Esq.
HAND DELIVERY

Lincoln City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
555 South 10th St. #103
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Core Business Improvement District Overlay
Downtown Business Improvement District

Dear City Council Members:

This law firm represents the Foundation for Educational Services, Inc. ("FES"), which owns the property located at 13th and "O" Streets, having a legal description of Original Plat, Block 39, Lots 7, 8 and 9 and that part of Lot 10, lying West of a North-South line commencing 75.51 feet East of the Northwest corner of Lot 7, to a point 75.53 feet East of the Southwest corner of Lot 7, commonly known as 1300 "O" Street.

FES has received notice of the proposed assessment of the two improvement districts to be considered by the Council sitting as the Board of Equalization. As we have done in the past years, FES objects to any assessment against FES for the reason that FES is exempt from real estate and ad valorem property taxes. In accordance with the authority of the exemption certificate issued to FES, the company is likewise exempt from assessments of any BID or maintenance district obligations.

Notwithstanding the exempt status, FES has a record over the past several years of voluntarily contributing annual payments to the City of Lincoln to support the improvement and maintenance districts. I am authorized to advise that FES intends to again make a voluntary contribution to the business district in the approximate amount of the assessment.
February 27, 2006

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We provide this letter only to serve as formal written protest to any formal assessment actions that may be taken against FES, which objections are based on FES's property tax-exempt status.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Paul J. Peter
For the Firm

PJP:cs
cc: C. J. Thoma, President
   Irene Williams, Vice President
March 1, 2006

Lincoln City Council
Attention: Joan Ross, City Clerk
555 South 10th, Room 103
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear City Council Members:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support on behalf of the University regarding the Downtown Lincoln Association’s renewal of their business improvement district contract.

With a majority of the University’s physical facilities located in the heart of downtown Lincoln, we have had the opportunity to interact on several projects of mutual benefit to the city and University. The recent update of both the redevelopment plan and downtown master plans took into consideration the need to provide an attractive, vibrant and safe area, a benefit to all community members including the campus community. Both processes included a variety of “stakeholders” where there was a concerted effort to coordinate with the University’s needs. We especially appreciate the desire to maintain an attractive downtown because it has such an influence on our ability to recruit faculty, staff and students to a safe and welcoming environment.

The Downtown Lincoln Association has been a strong advocate for the University. They have been actively involved in supporting a number of legislative initiatives and projects recognizing a vision for the benefit to the community in these endeavors. They played a key role in the passage of approving the Antelope Valley project, Haymarket Park, state legislative initiatives and are in continuous discussions with our campus colleagues and policy makers regarding student issues that have an impact on downtown. The Downtown Technology Fair and Jazz in June Market both continue as successful initiatives whose ideas were conceptualized by the DLA as joint projects with UNL.

The University community has also offered a variety of services and expertise to assist downtown in their efforts. Some of these projects include intellectual resources in the area of public parking, landscape issues and numerous student projects involving marketing downtown attractions, marketing parking availability and architectural expertise.
Lincoln City Council
March 1, 2006
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Our relationship is a true partnership where we work together on behalf of the entire community. Creation and maintaining an attractive downtown, with its flagship University at its center, is a unique balance for which the DLA is responsible. This organization is integral as the city continues to grow and develop its vision with the downtown at its core.

For these reasons, I strongly suggest that the City Council approve continuing the current BID structure that will ensure continuous maintenance and advocacy for all downtown property owners.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Harvey Perlman
Chancellor and Harvey & Susan Perlman
Alumni Professor of Law

c: Chris Jackson
Michelle Waite
February 27, 2006

Members, Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th St., Rm. 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter written by Jeff Altman, Travel Instructor, Nebraska Orientation Center for the Blind of the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, regarding the expansion project for 48th and O Street. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Altman at 402-471-8119 or Dr. Pearl Van Zandt, Director, Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 402-471-8100. Thank you.
February 27, 2006

The Honorable Coleen Seng, Mayor
555 South 10th St.
2nd Floor, Room 208
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Seng:

I am writing in regard to our conversation during the 48th and "O" street Redevelopment project open house, on February 21, 2006, I attended the open house as a representative of the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, where I am employed as an Orientation and Mobility instructor (cane travel instructor). During our conversation, I expressed several significant concerns regarding the redesign of the intersection and the provisions being made for pedestrian safety, especially concerning blind and visually impaired individuals. As you requested I am following up with this letter, so that the design of the intersection can be given further consideration with regard to its accessibility to blind and disabled persons.

Before I begin, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your willingness to discuss our concerns, and the efforts being made by Olsson Associates, especially Tom Leikam and Lisa Behns, to keep the blind citizens of Lincoln up to date on the construction at 48th and "O" street. Without the efforts of Olsson Associates, we would likely not been aware of the radical changes being implemented at the intersection, until after the completion of the project.

It is critical that I clarify that the opinions being expressed in this letter are not the product of an emotional reaction, but are based squarely upon extensive experience and knowledge. The Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI) has been providing independent travel skill training to the blind and visually impaired citizens of Nebraska for more than sixty years. Our agency is nationally recognized as among the finest providers of such services in the United States. Our collective experience and knowledge makes NCBVI a vital resource in regard to understanding the abilities and needs of blind and visually impaired persons, and we are often called upon as a resource by the Nebraska state government, as well as many other states to share our expertise. In addition, our agency’s Executive Director, Dr. Pearl Van Zandt, serves on the National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB), as well as several other state and national boards related to blindness. In fact, the majority of our staff are highly experienced and well educated in the field of blindness rehabilitation.

My personal qualifications make me well-suited to speak to this matter. I am the NCBVI Orientation and Mobility Instructor with more than sixteen years of experience. I have a Master’s degree in Educational Psychology, with a concentration in Orientation and Mobility, I hold National Orientation and Mobility Certification, I am a member of the National Orientation and...
Mobility Certification committee of examiners, and I am a member of the NBPCB. Given this, I feel very confident that as an employee of NCBVI, with our agency’s broad base of expertise to draw upon, together we have the necessary experience and expertise to provide an authoritative opinion regarding the impact that the redesigned intersection of 48th and “O” street will have upon blind and visually impaired travelers.

As we discussed, it is my understanding that the distance for pedestrians crossing “O” street would be nine (9) full lanes, or at least 92 feet from curb to curb. This situation is further complicated, because three of these lanes would be receiving traffic from active turning lanes. It was explained to me at the open house, by Tom Leikam of Olsson Associates, that there is no provision on any of the pedestrian crossings, for a pedestrian haven (an island at the mid point of the crossing which is wide enough to safely accommodate pedestrians when traffic is in motion). I understand that the design of the pedestrian crossings for 48th Street is similar, although the distance across is somewhat shorter. As this was explained to me, this would involve eight lanes on the north side of the intersection, and seven lanes on the south side.

In order to clarify the basis of our concerns regarding the design of the intersection, a basic explanation of the methods that blind and visually impaired travelers use in crossing streets is necessary. A blind or visually impaired person, will normally rely to an extensive degree upon the sounds created by the movement of traffic to obtain several critical pieces of information when crossing at a traffic light controlled intersection. The individual must be able to align with the traffic on the parallel street (the street that will be on one side or the other of his or her body when crossing the street) so that they will arrive at the appropriate corner. The individual will use the sound of traffic to understand the configuration of the intersection, and the pattern of the traffic flow, such as whether there are turning lights and lanes. Then finally, the blind person will make the decision to cross the street based upon hearing the movement of the appropriate traffic in response to the changing of the light cycle, and maintain alignment by tracking the movement of vehicles while crossing the street. It is critical that the traveler is able to maintain a straight line of travel to avoid entering the flow of traffic, or becoming disoriented while crossing the street. This process also requires the individual to monitor for vehicles that may turn across his or her path of travel, since motorists frequently fail to give the right-of-way to pedestrians.

For a blind or visually impaired person to effectively obtain the necessary auditory information to safely cross a street, the individual must be able to hear and monitor the movement of all of the traffic that is directly related to his or her intended path of travel. The intersection of 48th and “O” streets in its current configuration is very challenging, since the sound of traffic coming from the opposite side of the street is difficult to hear in the best of conditions, and the sound of louder vehicles can at times mask the sound of turning traffic, or other critical changes in traffic flow. This difficulty is primarily due to the large distances across the streets, and the large amount of traffic utilizing the intersection. The redesigned configuration of the intersection, with its expansive distances between corners, additional turning lanes, and what will likely be a larger
and faster volume of traffic, will change a challenging task into a virtually impossible one for many pedestrians.

It is very evident to us that the design of the intersection of 48th and "O" street, currently under construction, will deny equal access to the majority of blind and visually impaired pedestrians. Blind and visually impaired persons frequent the shops and restaurants in this area due to their convenience in relation to their homes or the availability of public transportation. In either case, these individuals must be able to safely and comfortably cross the intersection of 48th and "O", as well as the related intersection of 48th and "R" streets, in order to access the stores and restaurants located there. While there is currently public transportation serving this area, it is so infrequent that it would not be a viable means to eliminate the necessity for pedestrians to cross these intersections, and in many cases, it would still be necessary for pedestrians utilizing public transportation to cross these streets to reach their destinations. The currently planned configuration of these intersections will for the majority of blind and visually impaired persons, create a serious disincentive to travel anywhere in this area.

We also believe that, as with any other pedestrian utilizing these intersections, blind and visually impaired persons that choose to attempt to cross these enormously wide and busy streets, will face an unreasonably high risk of injury or death. We firmly believe that the current design of these intersections violates these individuals’ right to have equal access to these public facilities, and creates a significant threat to all pedestrians utilizing these facilities.

In order to assure the safety of all pedestrians utilizing the intersection of 48th and "O" streets, changes to the design currently under construction must be made. The addition of "pedestrian havens" at the mid point of each of the four crosswalks, could do much to reduce the seriousness of this problem; however, this alone may not solve the problem entirely. Following the construction, there would be a need for the intersection to be assessed to determine whether additional modifications, such as accessible pedestrian signals (APS) would need to be installed, to provide additional information to blind and visually impaired travelers. These devices themselves would be of only limited benefit, since they do not assist the blind or visually impaired traveler in monitoring vehicles that are turning across their path of travel, and without careful assessment prior to their installation, could represent a greater source of confusion and danger.

The other alternatives that we can come up with include either pedestrian bridges, or pedestrian tunnels, that would remove pedestrian traffic completely from the surface of the intersection. While these represent a very expensive solution, they are probably the most reasonable ones. Since the nearest smaller, more manageable intersections are at least four blocks away, expecting blind and visually impaired persons, as well as other pedestrians, many with other disabilities or age related medical conditions, to travel this distance, represents an undue hardship.
We strongly recommend that the city of Lincoln, along with the contractors responsible for this project, immediately seek a solution to this very serious potential threat to public safety. The intersection configuration currently under construction represents a serious violation of the right to equal access to the blind and visually impaired citizens of Lincoln, and in all likelihood, also to a much broader range of older and disabled pedestrians. As an agency charged with providing appropriate services and advocating for equal opportunities for blind persons, we are obligated to provide our expert opinion in these situations, and to share this information with consumer organizations representing the blind and visually impaired. There is every reason to expect that these consumer organizations will seek an immediate solution to this problem, and have been in the past very willing to take legal action when appropriate.

We would be very pleased to serve as a resource to the city of Lincoln and the contractors on this project. We also feel confident that members of the consumer organizations of blind and visually impaired persons in Lincoln would appreciate the opportunity to work closely with you in finding a solution to this very critical problem. Please contact me at (402) 471-8119, or Dr. Pearl Van Zandt at (402) 471-8100, should you need any clarification, or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey T. Altman MA NOMC
Cane Travel Instructor

cc: Ken R. Svoboda, Chair, Lincoln City Council; Patte Newman, Member; Jon Camp, Member; Jonathan Cook, Member; Annette McRoy, Member; Robin Eschliman, Member; Dan Marvin, Member
Karl Fredrickson, Director, Dept. of Public Works
Olsson Associates
Moj Gano

1 Mar., 2006

Mayor Coleen J. Seng
555 S. 10th Street
Suite 208
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: smokefree Lincoln

Dear Mrs. Seng:

In response to the letter, seeking promotion of draconian smoking bans in Ontario.

I have read your request and I appreciate you have allowed my voice to finally be heard. The request however is seen to be disingenuous in its stated intent. The smoking Ban as described by George Smitherman is not in keeping with Canadian values of inclusion. It is known to be dangerous to public health and is entirely suspicious in origin and real intent. The Public consultations in my view were an illegal expenditure of public funds to purchase politics and promote industry products of competing nicotine delivery systems. A shameful abuse of power.

Your contention The Health ministry has the ability or the mandate to deal with a broad range of issues in fact all issues leaves me aghast. How many issues do not properly belong to the Health ministry to the detriment of taxpayers funding other duplicated departments? A recent debate recorded in Hansart discussions included a declaration the Health ministry now believes road building to be a Health issue. The funding of such areas in a broad perspective of health issues as opposed to the public perception of simply funding of medical infrastructure indeed can be seen as embarking down an evil road known all too well by every student of political science. A road
previously traveled by those known in infamy as Mussolini and Hitler. The centrist view adapted by the Liberals of late would increase this suspicion. The policy adoption of the Right and the Left in a centrist positioning can only be explained as intent to adapt the virtues of the third way.

The Federal Government and Health Canada are known to be extensively interfering with Provincial issues. The broadening of scope to include the work of other departments’ leaves us wondering what these other departments are to do, and what reason we have for maintaining them. Smoking is an environmental issue best dealt with in science and discovery not in propaganda campaigns based in consensus realities as opposed to scientific facts. The Health Canada website in an explanation of Social engineering tells a belief government has a right to dictate what we think as opposed to listening to what we do think, a dictators view to rights of decision. Use of ad agency creations such as political correctness can therefore be seen as a whip to keep us silent while the government dictates moral opinion through description of the extremes and outright deceit.

The Federal Liberals contend the Conservatives want an American Healthcare system the Conservatives counter the Liberals want to dominate and indeed dictate provincial matters. These are discussions of extremes and do not deal with anything substantial in direction. The obligation of the Provincial government should be to protect our provincial right to direct our own healthcare spending. The Federal Government needs to define in the Canada healthcare act a clear definition of Healthcare as the funding of medical infrastructure and eliminate the waste through duplication of other ministerial responsibilities. In an aging and growing population can their be any doubt as to why lineups are growing when money designated for healthcare can be directed in huge amounts to all other areas of concern? If you contend an adoption of the third way will serve the public perhaps that, is where public debate should be headed and lets see where that goes.

The public consultations as they were called indeed allowed no true representation of the public as it's name seemed to indicate. Rather the voices of an organized lobby working in concert and named by Mr. Smitherman in the announcement of his bill. They were allowed to dominate every discussion on the matter. The Liberal Government allowed the list to include only the voices they wanted to hear with few exceptions. Silenced were the voices of affected industries who came with real research and this included the Government's own research all without consideration quickly brushed aside in public announcements of bias. How would we see the participating stakeholders with similar restrictions applied? Every one to a name will see gains from the ban. Whether financial or political all will have something to gain. Yet, those voices were allowed to reign supreme regardless of the enormous damage known to be inevitable with the passing of this legislation.

The ministry of the environment was curiously absent in the assessment of the harm of second hand smoke. Or in the simplified dismissal of DSRs as a legitimate alternative. (The solution supported by the vast majority of the population smokers or non.) If they had been asked an opinion of a suspected harm they have been monitoring and regulating for years. What would be the result in assessing the fears allowed to be inspired and given to the public in Ad agency terms? What will be the effect of driving women out into unsheltered parking lots were untold harms of insect bites weather conditions and attacks by predators in robbery and sexual attacks. What solutions to these problems have ever been discussed and where do I find the conclusions
of trading one harm determined by consensus devoid of scientific fact, for another larger one
know to be the reason we have jails courts and police officers. Is the ban respective of crime
reduction efforts or was downside logic even considered?

I further object to children being taught the hate being not only approved but also endorsed in
recent actions of the Ministry of health. A website named stupid the focal point of government
opinion? Reinforcing hatred against those who choose to use a legal product. Killers of Babies,
child abuse, smelling like dog fescues? Words of a government I want no part of. Further abuse
in published threats by a Health ministry Quit or be punished? Punishment is for the courts
otherwise the threats need to be seen as a criminal act by a government official who seeks to
punish not a crime but a personal choice. The great harm in science by consensus as opposed to
the old fashion type by discovery and laws of real science is the immeasurable damage done to
the credibility of rules and integrity, which allowed society to evolve into a just and caring place
known as democracy. Liberal governance is now evolved into a force of destruction. Laid to
waste in its path are values of ethics and morals, which have always served us well. Even the
very cultural traditions which have made this place unique and the envy of the world will now be
deemed as repugnant under the political wheels of governance so destructive it seeks the aid of
even Hitler himself in it's promotions.

You have asked me to participate in your campaign I respectfully decline, as I can no longer
involve myself in a plan of imposition to line the pockets of others.. The letter in it's true intent is
another farce to give those who inspired this ban an additional opportunity to further impose
upon my rights and furthering of their goals.

The effect of lobby groups is being seen as a huge industry based in the ability to control weak
governments and impose the values of self serving industries to promote products such as the
incredibly high priced cessation products being seen and openly advertised by your government.
It is well known the lobby groups claims of contents of Smoke include man made chemicals
which do not exist in a regulated product sold here for years prior to the government allowing
the unrestricted imports of much more dangerous tobacco from sources with ecological disasters
for growing conditions. If the agenda is public safety why has your government made no effort
to examine these claims? Why is the public not aware of alternate products attacked vehemently
at the mere mention by your advisors? Snu smokeless products were adapted by 80% of smokers
in Sweden because of a 90% reduced health risk in use of smokeless tobacco however the price
is also 90% reduced. Would cost and benefit be the real motivation behind public heath
advocacy as easily proven in this but one example? If you are seeking to improve public health
real honest study irrespective of those who will gain from the implementation of the bill needs to
be a priority and not furthering the goals of the fear mongering crowd with a financial reward for
actions the real motivation of anti smoking advocacy regardless of harm.

The rising violence seen on the streets in Toronto can be seen clearly a result impositions and
poverty. As the government grows bureaucracy so grows poverty and hate on our streets.
Inclusive values would not have this effect the summary dismissals of your government is proof
of a failure by policies to protect us resulting in immeasurable harm. The misguided folly of
pursuing 47,000 preventable deaths with only 10% of that amount actually statistically linked
smoking and of those ¾ occurring after 70 is proof enough of lack of wisdom in assessing harms
and a total lack of credibility of a government supporting the values of Dither.
It is irrefutable the Federal Government is imposing its will as agreed to in the international smoking treaty with the World Health Organization, your actions are not as noble as you would portray. It seems incredible for a provincial legislature to not only instill the wishes of the Federal known to be corrupted Liberal party but allow them to stay clear of the blame. The Federal voice is absent in the advocacy as they fear repercussions leaving it to the co-operating Provincial ministries to tell the tales so easily discredited being given to the public as news daily. Paid for by our apparently naïve provincial representatives who will one day share the blame and ridicule. The historic view of prohibitionists is well known. The wealth and power of organized crime in North America would not have been possible without it. Sale of black market cigarettes rises with every increase of tax one fact the lobbies fail to recognize in the advocacy of greed.

Can we all see it prudent to be chased from a Diesel powered bus for fear of a measured value of 160 nana grams of 5000 mixed ingredients of varying levels of largely unknown harm in a smoke filled bar as opposed to 4-10 milligrams per cubic meter of chemicals thousands of times as harmful? Think about that next time you see a mother unaware of the harm she instills on her child when pushing a carriage into a bus terminal or a publicly promoted subway train. The measure of harm and the failure to deal with it is evidence enough to determine the real motives behind anti-smoker advocacy as purely monetary and political promotion. Elimination of the public voice is further proof this is not a kind and gentle protection but a fraud and an imposition. Regardless of what polls and ad agencies will admit common sense and word of mouth are far more effective in creating lasting public perceptions than anything the ad agencies have ever produced to date. In the way of a positive note, history shows a steady decline to eventual elimination of every government who has ever attempted to legislate morality. When those impositions are for fun and profit the decline is much swifter. After the ban is fully implemented, an election will follow. I and many others have pledged the word Nazi will be heard at every opportunity in connection with the word Lieberal. Friends will not let friends vote Lieberal. FXR

Parallels cannot be ignored. Word for word the Lieberal red book “Historians and epidemiologists have only recently begun to explore the Nazi anti-tobacco movement. Germany had the world's strongest anti-smoking movement in the 1930s and early 1940s, encompassing bans on smoking in public spaces, bans on advertising, restrictions on tobacco rations for women, and the world's most refined tobacco epidemiology, linking tobacco use with the already evident epidemic of lung cancer. The anti-tobacco campaign must be understood against the backdrop of the Nazi quest for racial and bodily purity, which also motivated many other public health efforts of the era.”

“The guiding light behind Thuringia's antismoking campaign and the man who drafted the grant application for Astel's anti-tobacco institute, was executed on 1 October 1946 for crimes against humanity. It is hardly surprising that much of the wind was taken out of the sails of Germany's anti-tobacco movement.”

“Perhaps the ultimate overlooked point of this work is the suggestion that Adolph Hitler with his anti-tobacco, anti-religion, pro-animal rights, pro-government intrusion would find success as a modern day liberal." --Steve Fantina Doctors don’t generally make great leaders. Basis for smoking bans The dominance principle Purchasing media credibility Reality bites when you are
found to be wrong The fat campaign fraud was discovered long before Ontario Lieberals decided to start one of their own. Possible suspects The voice of reason a view beyond scary stories

Lots if evidence
http://www.smokersclubinc.com/modules.php?

In Admiration,
Moj Gano

CC
Honorable Jonathan Cook, Councilmember, District 3
Honorable Terry Werner, Councilmember at large
Joan Ray, Council Staff
Honorable Patte Newman, Councilmember, District 1
Honorable Glenn A. Friendt, Councilmember at large
Honorable Annette McRoy, Councilmember, District 4
Members, Board of Health
Honorable Ken R. Svoboda, Councilmember at large
Honorable Jon Camp, Councilmember, District 2
Tammy Grammer, Council Staff ü
1. Rich nurseryman volunteers to do arena study for "free". (source- Mayor Seng)
2. City budget over 6 million dollars in the hole. (LJS)
3. City has 100 million bucks for arena to lure John Q. (LJS)
4. City suddenly has lots of new landscaping requirements to consider. (LJS)
5. City is 130 million in the hole for street issues. (LJS)
6. Said nurseryman has tons of property appraised for tax purposes WELL BELOW the obvious actual fair market value. (InterLinc/ County Assessor web site)

Something rotten in the state of Denmark? It is beginning to appear so. Maybe John Stossel needs to come here and sort it all out?

Give me a break! Or at least a tax break would be nice. Why don't the rich pay their fair share? Said nurseryman sure is getting a lot of "perks" for his "free" study!

Vicky- and a growing number of concerned citizens. We're still here, we're still watching, and we don't like what we see.
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M O N D A Y, M A R C H 6, 2006

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 2, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR SENG SUPPORTS MAYOR’S CONFERENCE POLICY TO REDUCE POLLUTION

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today signed the U.S. Conference of Mayors resolution asking federal officials to enact policies to accelerate development of clean energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies to reduce pollution.

Mayor Seng joins more than 179 other mayors in 38 states in signing the resolution. The resolution supports the bipartisan Climate Stewardship Act introduced in Congress. It also indicates the City will strive to adopt policies to reduce pollution and maintain a healthy local environment.

“Signing this resolution simply reinforces Lincoln’s commitment to strive to provide a healthy environment at the local level of government,” Seng said. “This resolution complements and reinforces the high quality of life standards that Lincoln is known for nationwide, that assist in marketing our community for economic development and job-creating opportunities.”

The resolution includes a series of items for communities to strive to follow to reduce pollution. Mayor Seng noted that Lincoln already has addressed many of the suggestions recommended by the U.S. Conference of Mayors to preserve a healthy environment. (A copy of the recommendations and the City’s actions with regard to each recommendation attached.)

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U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE POLLUTION (FOLLOWED BY LINCOLN'S EFFORTS)

Recommendation - Adopt land use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space and create a compact urban community.
Lincoln is a leader in responsible growth to prevent urban sprawl. Policies include:
• The City promotes orderly growth of a gravity sewer system, coordinated with other infrastructure construction.
• The City provides utilities only upon annexation, which has resulted in a growing tax base.
• The City and the Lincoln Public Schools annex areas together.
• The City regulates unincorporated areas to preserve agricultural land and open space and avoid roadblocks to orderly urban expansion.
• The City acquires park land and open space through grants, donations and local funds. The City also works to protect habitats and operates a City-owned wetland mitigation bank.
• Standards have been adopted that maintain natural open space corridors to minimize flood plain development, control runoff and encourage improvement of native habitat and water quality.
• The City-County Comprehensive Plan encourages mixed use development, good pedestrian circulation and creative design.

Recommendation - Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit.
Lincoln has developed 64 miles of bicycle/pedestrian trails, exceeding the mileage per capita of most cities its size. Originally meant to take advantage of abandoned rail line for recreational use, system additions now connect to employment, shopping, schools and parks. The Antelope Valley Project, a flood control project near downtown, includes a new trail along a reconstructed creek channel/greenway corridor that will connect several other trails converging in the area.
Lincoln’s public bus system, StarTran, offers a number of incentive programs, including the “Ride-For-Five” Low Income Pass; reduced rate monthly passes; coordinated efforts with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln bus system; special event shuttles; and a youth summer pass program. Bus routes maximize services to middle and high schools. The ongoing Comprehensive Plan update will include a full review of the bus system. The Downtown Master Plan also proposes service route changes and development of a new multi-modal terminal.

Recommendation - Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by advocating development of renewable energy resources.
Lincoln’s publicly owned electric utility, Lincoln Electric System (LES) operates two wind turbines as a demonstration project.

Recommendation - Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting City facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy.
Lincoln and other Nebraska communities are governed by a recent state energy code that is more stringent than standard locally adopted building codes.

Recommendation - Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use.
City Departments are beginning to use the Energy Star rating system in buying new equipment.

Recommendation - Practice and promote sustainable building practices.
Recent construction of schools, libraries, a recreation center and an addition to the Health Department have incorporated ground-coupled heat pump systems. The new libraries and expanded Health Department offices also have incorporated “green” building materials. The proposed expansion of a nature center will comply with the U.S. Green Building Council’s standards.
Recommendation - Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel.

StarTran was the first public bus system in the nation to convert entirely to O2 diesel, and police parking enforcement vehicles are experimenting with bio-diesel. City departments were directed last year to reduce engine idling time and limit air-conditioning use to improve mileage, to plan trips efficiently and to drive conservatively. Several departments use hybrid vehicles. The Parks staff has cut mowing in some parks as part of a “Prairie in Our Parks” program, which expects to convert 10 percent of mowed turf areas to native grasses and wildflowers.

Recommendation - Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane.

Energy-efficient pumps, motors and controls are used in wastewater and stormwater pumping systems, as well as in wastewater aeration system blowers and aeration diffusion systems. The wastewater operation uses methane gas at its two treatment facilities to generate electricity, which heats on-site buildings and equipment.

Recommendation - Increase recycling rates in City operations and the community.

The City operates an aggressive recycling operation. The City requires yard waste separation during the growing season and runs a composting program for the yard waste. The City provides drop-off sites throughout the community for a growing recycling program. City government employees recycle at work, where recycle volumes have increased 60 percent in five years. Other efforts:

- LES retrofits street lights with more efficient bulbs, and the traffic staff replaces incandescent bulbs in signals with LED lamps. Signal timing improvements promote more efficient travel.
- The Lincoln Water System encourages water conservation through its rate structure.
- The wastewater division works with local industries to prevent pollution and recycles biosolids through a land application program.
- The City operates a facility that removes mercury switches, PCB ballasts and Freon gases from appliances. Last year Freon was removed from about 1,000 appliances.
- LES relies on heat pumps that use effluent from a City wastewater treatment plants for heating and cooling. This effluent also is used on-site for heating and cooling, washing equipment and watering the grounds.
- The City Public Works and Utilities Department is exploring using methane generated at the City’s landfill to produce electricity.
- The Parks Department is converting ballfields and golf courses from treated City water to alternative watering systems and reducing watering needs with increased use of native and drought-tolerant plants.
- The City uses recycled tires to surface playgrounds.

Recommendation - Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting.

The City manages more than 112,000 public trees in parks and along streets. Lincoln has been a Tree City USA community for more than 25 years and was recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation with a Growth Award for excellence and innovation in urban forestry for the past 10 years. The City distributes grant funds to encourage private tree planting and has altered street design standards to encourage more trees planted in parkways. Lincoln is now in the process of reexamining landscape requirements for private development.

Recommendation - Help educate about global warming pollution.

City departments work to educate the public, schoolchildren, professional associations, local and regional businesses and industry in various ways about conserving resources. The City sponsors an annual Earth Day Program. The Mayor’s Environmental Advisory Committee meets monthly to advise the Mayor on environmental issues. The Mayor’s Environmental Awards Program is an annual recognition of special efforts by local business and industry to save energy and reduce pollution.
CLARIFICATION TO MAYOR'S NEWS RELEASE FROM THIS MORNING -
"CITY ENDS FEES FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS"
FOR WATER/WASTEWATER BILLS, THERE IS NO PROCESSING FEE FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE BILLS ONLINE. THE FEE REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE BILLS THROUGH REGULAR MAIL AND PAY ONLINE. SEE JANUARY RELEASE BELOW FOR DETAILS.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
Lincoln Water System, 555 S. 10th St., Ste. 203, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7548, fax 441-8609

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 26, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Margaret Remmenga, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7548
Terry Lowe, Information Services, 441-7113

SAVE MONEY -- USE E-BILL OPTION TO PAY
CITY WATER AND WASTEWATER BILLS

Lincoln customers who pay their water and wastewater bills online can now save money with a new e-billing option. By agreeing to have their bills sent to them by e-mail, customers save the two-dollar processing fee now charged for paying bills online. Most customers are billed every other month, and high-usage non-residential customers are billed monthly.

With e-billing, water/wastewater customers now have two main options for receiving their bills:
- Those receiving paper bills through the mail may pay online through the City Web site (lincoln.ne.gov) and are charged a two-dollar processing fee. Those receiving paper bills also have several options for paying without an added fee: by mail; through automatic bank withdrawal; or in person at the County-City Building, 555 S.10th, and the Lincoln Electric System, 1040 "O."
- If bills are received online, no paper bills are mailed. Customers are notified through their e-mail accounts that their bills are available for online payment. The customer must agree to make payments using VISA or MasterCard in order to have the two-dollar online processing fee waived.

"We are able to waive the fee because e-billing saves us paper, postage and processing time," said Margaret Remmenga, Business Manager for the City Public Works and Utilities Department. "We are excited to offer the option of paperless bills for our water and wastewater customers, and we expect a great response from those who are willing to enroll in the e-mail notification process." Remmenga said about 50 customers have already signed up for e-billing.

To begin using the new e-bill/e-pay system, customers must enroll through lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: EPAY). Click on "Water/Wastewater Bills," then follow the instructions under "Enrollment/Logging into e-Billing." Once customers are enrolled, they may pay online immediately. E-billing will begin with the next billing cycle. To find out more about paying options, call 441-7551.
Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
Week of March 4 through 10, 2006
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, March 4
- Foster Grandparent Program recognition brunch, remarks - 10 a.m., Embassy Suites, 1140 “P” Street
- BryanLGH Medical Center heart transplant celebration - 2 p.m., Bryan Medical Plaza, 1500 South 48th Street

Sunday, March 5
- Lincoln Firefighters Retirement Dinner, remarks - 6 p.m., Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane
- “A Night With Oscar,” Make-A-Wish Foundation fund-raiser - 6:30 p.m., Rococco Theater, 140 North 13th Street.

Monday, March 6
- “Choices” gambling awareness conference, remarks and proclamation - 9 a.m., Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 North 9th Street
- Mayor’s Award of Excellence, presentation award - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, March 7
- Thank You Teacher Breakfast, remarks - 7:30 a.m., Governor’s Mansion, 1425 “H” Street
- City-County Common Meeting - 9:30 a.m., Room 113, 555 South 10th Street
- Knights of the Round Table luncheon - 11:45 a.m., Lazlo’s, 710 “P” Street
- Center for People in Need food drive kick-off, remarks - 2:45 p.m., Matt Talbott Kitchen, 1911 “R” Street

Wednesday, March 8
- “Face the Chamber,” remarks - noon, Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 South 24th Street

Thursday, March 9
- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced.
- International visitors from Denmark, Finland, Germany, United Kingdom and Italy - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Office, 555 South 10th Street
- Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable - 4:30 p.m., Room 113, 555 South 10th Street
- Back to the Bible reception - 5:45 p.m., 6400 Cornhusker Highway, Suite 64

Friday, March 10
- “Weaving Women’s Voices” luncheon, remarks, Key to the City, proclamation - 12:15 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott, 333 South 13th Street
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 3, 2006
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Larry Duensing, Engineering Services, 441-7711

EAST "O" TO CLOSE FROM 44TH TO 52ND STREETS MONDAY

Beginning about 9 a.m. Monday, March 6, "O" Street from 44th Street to 52nd Street will be closed for the continuing construction of the City's roadway and water main project in the 48th and "O" Street area. Traffic will be rerouted using 44th, "R" and 52nd Streets. The intersection of 48th and "O" streets will be open to north-south traffic, but not to east-west traffic. The closure is expected to be in effect until August 31.

Other lane closures in effect:

- The south two lanes of "O" Street from 32nd Street to 44th will be closed until mid-June for water main construction. Two-way, single-lane traffic is being maintained on the north lanes of "O" Street.

- The right south-bound lane of 48th Street from "R" to "O" streets will be closed March 6 for about two weeks for construction of a temporary traffic lane.

For more information on the 48th and "O" Street project, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: ostreet).

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To: Lincoln City Council
From: Drew Stange, DLA Chairman
Subject: BID Renewal Public Hearing

As background for Monday's public hearing on the ordinances renewing the downtown management Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), DLA wishes to share with you our most recent mailing to all property owners within the districts.

See you on Monday!
February 21, 2006

Dear Downtown Property Owner,

This letter is our third and final communication to you over the last several months on the upcoming renewal of two downtown management Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). These BIDs have funded a variety of services provided to the downtown area since 1989 by the Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA). Our letter is timed to coincide with a mailing you should have just received from City Clerk Joan Ross advising you of a March 6th City Council public hearing on the ordinances establishing the renewed management BIDs. These are scheduled to go into effect on September 1, 2006.

As you recall, the services provided by DLA since 1999 through the existing management BIDs include economic development, parking and transportation initiatives, marketing, advocacy and streetscape beautification. Based on your feedback this fall through property owner surveys, focus groups and meetings on the BID renewal, the renewed BIDs would continue the same boundaries, budgets, mix of programs and services that we currently provide to you. A third BID providing maintenance service to downtown is not affected by this renewal and will continue in its current form.

The attached overview of BID-supported improvements to downtown speaks to the progress downtown has made since the management BIDs were last renewed in 1999. DLA anticipates continued progress as we work with developers and the city to implement many of the recommendations and opportunities in the new Downtown Master Plan.

The mailing you received from the City Clerk also contained computer print-outs of projected assessments for your property for the 2006-07 fiscal year under the new BIDs. **These projected assessments are hypothetical calculations only**, based on existing downtown property values and projected budgets not yet finalized or approved by the DLA Board and City Council. The actual 2006-07 management BID assessments will not be calculated until October, 2007 and will be based on actual budget expenditures and downtown property values at that time.

As the enclosed chart and graph depicting DLA’s management BID budget and assessment history over the last decade indicates, our track record has been a very fiscally
conservative one. Total dollars assessed for the 2004-05 fiscal year are almost 4% below the total dollars assessed in 1996-97! Since 1999, our actual budgeted expenditures have increased less than 1% per year.

The chart further documents that assessment rates over the last decade have decreased over 30% while the downtown valuation base has increased over 40% during this same period. The decline in assessment rates is in large part due to economic growth, strong private investment in downtown and annual voluntary contributions to the management BID from non-profit and governmental entities which DLA has solicited since 1999.

The DLA board pledges to continue both our conservative fiscal practices as well as our strong leadership role in advancing downtown’s interests. We thank you for your past support of the BIDs and for your important role in downtown’s progress.

If you have any questions on the BID renewal, please feel free to contact me or one of the DLA Executive Committee members listed below. We also invite you to join us at an informational meeting on the BID renewal which will be held on Thursday March 2 at 4:00 p.m. at Embassy Suites Hotel in rooms D and E directly east of the main lobby.

Sincerely,

Drew Stange, Chair
Downtown Lincoln Association

**DLA Executive Committee**
Drew Stange, NAI FMA Realty
Jon Weinberg, Ameritas Investment Advisors
Lynnie Green, Embassy Suites
Craig Madson, US Bank
Michelle Waite, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Doug Lienemann, Midwest Steel Inc.
Ed Swotek, TierOne Bank
Tom Wright, Wright’s Jewelers
Business Improvement District (BID) Supported Downtown Improvements Since 1999

- 40% increase in overall assessed value of downtown properties within BID boundaries

- Over $100 million in new investment, 90% of which is private investment

- 1999 city meter fee increase directed to Parking Enterprise Fund to support new parking construction

- Haymarket Garage-9th and Q streets (first garage funded with revenues from meter fee increase)

- Redevelopment of the Old Federal Building into mixed-use residential

- Completion of 14 screen Douglas Grand Theatre

- Increased occupancies in office and retail market segments

- Increasing market demand for downtown housing

- Completion of first Downtown Master plan since 1973

- Completion of Downtown Parking Management Study to improve parking system and future parking supply

- Major repairs to downtown irrigation system to better support landscaping

- Streetscape beautification projects in all quadrants of downtown
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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Bruce Meyer
Address: 7210 N. 16th. St.
City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: brucme@hotmail.com

Comment or Question:
No matter how hard you try to save the downtown this is a country that uses a free market system. The sooner you understand that the sooner you will be able to move this city in the right direction. So at this point it would be wise to stop spending the taxpayers money on such silly things as a movie theater.

Bruce Meyer
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Jeanette Priess
Address: 4025 So Coddington Ave (Now in Tx.)
City: Lincoln, NE 68522

Phone:
Fax:
Email: ljhomestead@aol.com

Comment or Question:
My husband and I have discussed this and it really makes no difference to us how many theatres they have in or out of the city. Our concern is, as seniors really appreciate the Starship! We are on a limited income like many friends of ours and enjoy more movies at the discounted price. Even a few in the out-lying areas would be nice. Thanks J.
Dear LuJean Bonge:

Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members and to Mayor Seng. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Tammy J. Grammer
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555 South 10th Street
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e-mail: tgrammar@lincoln.ne.gov

"LuJean A. Bonge" <kljbong@earthlink.net>

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To: "LuJean A. Bonge" <kljbong@earthlink.net>  
cc: CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes  
Subject: Theater's in Lincoln

03/05/2006 03:10 PM

Dear Tammy,

I'm sending this to you, because I want to get it to Mayor Seng. Maybe you could pass this on to whomever could let her know our concern about their discussion coming up on Monday. Thank you.

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To: tgrammar@lincoln.ne.gov  
cc:  
Subject: Theater's in Lincoln

Dear Mayor Seng,

I am writing about the theater's in Lincoln. Mainly, the STAR SHIP 9 THEATER.

It seems that the City Council, and Mayor Seng, have forgotten the less fortunate in this town. There are students and families that cannot afford the price of a movie these days. Where would they go, if you took away the smaller theater's, or the Star Ship 9? The price of a movie has gone up $2.00 already, for the after 6 p.m. shows. That is a lot of money on a limited income, especially if you have a family. The concessions cost as much as the movie.

Think it out and don't put a parking garage, where families are now enjoying some entertainment they can afford.

Mayor Seng, please remember your dedication to the church, and all that you did there. Now, remember the people who have little income, and let them enjoy a movie for $2.00. There are lots of buildings around the downtown area, or near it, you can tear down. This would not hurt so many people.

Thank you for listening.

LuJean A. Bonge
Dear Cheryl Kieso:

Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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"Kieso, Cheryl" <CKieso@HuskerAutoGroup.com>

I am writing this letter to you in regards to the traffic light that is being considered on N. 27th St. by I-80. I would ask that you re-look at the traffic pattern and come up with a better solution than the one that was thought of 8 years ago. It will affect our business and will be very inconvenient for our customers.

I would ask that you plan for a logical traffic pattern to include a U-Turn for a large percentage of people who use Wildcat.

Cheryl Kieso
Customer Service
Husker Auto Group
Dear Al Baker: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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"Alvin Baker" <alvinbaker@hotmail.com>

I have just come from seeing a movie at the Starship 9 theater. There was a line out the door for the first showing. It was not just college students but adults and families. Please do not permit the destruction of this theater. It allows my family to enjoy the downtown and go out to eat on a resonable budget. A second-run theater adds character and old fashioned charm to the downtown. It is perfect for students and for large families. Give the students a break!

Thank you,

Al Baker

Dear Bob Olmsted: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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"Robert Olmsted" <rolmsted@neb.rr.com>

Members of the City Council,

Please end the current theater policy. I think it supports a monopoly for Douglas Theaters, Inc. and I think it stifles new investment by other companies. Also, please do not approve the destruction of the 9 theater complex. It is the only venue some of us can afford.

Thank you,

Bob Olmsted
Dear Russell Miller:

Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Tammy J. Grammer
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From: Russell Miller
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To: Lincoln City Council

Subject: Lincoln theatre policy

Dear Council Members,

I urge you to maintain the present theatre policy for the following reasons:
1. It is working in keeping the downtown market area active and alive
2. The tax payers of Lincoln appreciate not having to revitalize Lincoln's center to the extent that Omaha is doing with their city's center
3. Shifting the theaters to the fringes would financially benefit the few while penalizing the many tax payers to revitalize the Lincoln's center.

Russell Miller
Dear Jeffrey Fields:

Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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Lincoln City Council,

Get rid of the policy now. It was wrong to agree with the policy in the first place. So what, we lose some tax money, life goes on. I want competition in the first run theaters in Lincoln. I do not know of a single movie goer that feels differently.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Fields

Remember,
Do, or do not. There is no try. -- YODA

Jeffrey

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Dear Mayor Seng,

As a concerned, tax paying citizen of Lincoln, Nebraska I felt compelled to write you concerning your stance on two issues.

#1 If you haven't noticed, there are many new businesses that have been built and many more will be built around the south Walmart, creating a large volume of tax revenues and jobs for the city of Lincoln. My favorite city in the country needs to wake up to how America has evolved from the small "mom and pop" shops to the large retailers of today. Like it or not, the landscape of retail has changed. In my opinion, as well as many of my
friends, the city needs to allow the Walmart on North 84th to proceed and be built to their specifications. I do agree with our leaders not allowing them to build next to Faith Lutheran, but just north as is now being proposed. If the south store and the ensuing businesses are any indication of the possibilities for the North 84th store, then I think it would be a huge mistake to impede their progress. I don't think this proposal will have much, if any, effect on your cherished Bethany and Havelock areas.

#2 I am likewise concerned at the city of Lincoln's policy concerning theater expansion. Being a resident of the far southeast part of Lincoln, I rarely make trips downtown for entertainment purposes. My business is located near 27th and Capitol Parkway and I still rarely make it to downtown. I, as well as hundreds or perhaps thousands of Lincoln residents in the south regions, would welcome a large theater complex in our part town. My wife and I love going to the movies, but won't go downtown to see them. We have been to the Grand only once since its opening and that was to see "The Aviator". In that case we were held hostage because The Grand was the only place it was showing. I believe it is important to have a strong cultural center in downtown in conjunction with the university. However, a large theater complex in southeast Lincoln will not stop residents from my part of town from going downtown for events other than movies. Forget the politics and the marriage with the Douglas Theaters and do what is best for Lincoln.

Thank you for your time and consideration/

Sincerely,

Rick A. Rohrs