

Press Announcement for PIAP PROGRAM - January 13, 2014

What an exciting moment this is for the City of Burlington. There is a huge amount of optimism and expectation in the city - right now.

The projects proposed through the Public Investment Action Plan - have the potential to transform the waterfront - much as the Church Street Marketplace - has transformed our downtown.

This process has been inspiring. The amount of creativity, - vision, - and collaboration - has really been - fantastic. This is the first time - in the state of Vermont - that TIF dollars have been allocated - in a public process like this.

I'd like to take this moment - to thank my colleagues on the Public Investment Team - Pablo Bose, - Julie Campoli, - Chip Hart, - and Nancy Owens - for their tireless efforts - throughout this important endeavor - and an important - added thanks - to Nate Wildfire for his leadership - and his very special talent, - knowledge, - and expertise.

This team sorted through over one hundred submissions - and at the request of Mayor Weinberger - last March - brought a slate of nine recommended - project proposals - to his attention - this past November.

The result of his fine tuning and further vetting - is what is presented to the City here today.

The Public Investment Team is excited about the future of our city's vibrant waterfront - and proud that it has had an opportunity to serve the community in this way.

Thank you all – for what YOU do for the City – of Burlington, Vermont.

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