



Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board



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Date: May 11, 2025

To: Members of the State and Local Government Conference Committee,

From: Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, Executive Secretary of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB)

RE: SF3045, 3rd Engrossment, Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 15B.06, subdivision 1 & Section 39 Capitol Area Improvements

Dear Members of the State and Local Government Conference Committee,

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board **does not support** removing CAAPB's ability to manage zoning and design (parking) in the Capitol area (SF3045, 3rd Engrossment, Section 15, lines 26.25-26.27) and engage with partners through the process of determining the appropriate level for parking minimums in the Capitol Area. The Capitol Area serves Minnesotans from across the state, and it's essential we retain a balanced, collaborative approach to shaping its future.

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board does **support** the Vitality Fund (SF3045, 3rd Engrossment, Section 39, lines 18.4-18.24) and its focus on public safety, economic opportunity, beautification, and community outreach through youth and family programming. These investments are critical for the neighborhoods surrounding our State Capitol and will benefit everyone—residents, business owners, visitors, state employees, and legislators alike.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Dahl".

Erik Cedarleaf Dahl

Executive Secretary

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