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## **Statement from mpls downtown council president & ceo Steve Cramer on Tuesday evening's shooting on 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

The use of guns during the course of personal disputes is troubling whenever and wherever it occurs. But it is especially unacceptable downtown, where the density of people present increases the chance of an innocent bystander simply being in the wrong place at the wrong time. That's exactly what happened Tuesday evening on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. We have seen these occurrences all too often.

For the sake of the thousands of people who work, live and visit downtown daily it is imperative that this word go out and be backed by the full force of the criminal justice system, from police officers on the street to judges in the courtroom. ***Our community will not tolerate downtown becoming a free fire zone, period.*** Any individual who behaves otherwise should count on being quickly apprehended, and feeling the full force of prosecution and sentencing come down on them.

The behavior on display last night must come to an end, and our City and law enforcement officials must hasten that end through their concerted actions from this point forward.