

***A message from Steve Cramer, President & CEO, mpls downtown council and Mpls Downtown Improvement District.***

***Regarding the expedited implementation of Phase 3 of Operation Safety Net (OSN) last week, in relation to the heartbreaking death of Daunte Wright, while the case of State of Minnesota versus Derek Chauvin was preceding.***

“As I have connected with downtown stakeholders, two messages have come through,” said Steve Cramer, President & CEO, mpls downtown council & Mpls DID. “There is both strong support for Operation Safety Net (OSN), and clear recognition the tragic killing of George Floyd and prosecution of Derek Chauvin necessitated this plan in the first place. As I have said, OSN aims to permit an orderly trial, protect the expression of peaceful protest, and allow our economy to function so livelihoods and access to needed goods and services are preserved. Not being fully prepared would only compound the challenges our community has and may continue to face. Working together, our downtown will persevere and set our sights on brighter days ahead.”