

James DeMatthew, Chairman
Racine Civic Centre Commission
November 1, 2011

Thomas Friedel
City Administrator
City of Racine
730 Washington Ave., Room 201
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mr. Friedel:

As Chairman of the Racine Civic Centre Commission, I am writing to express the full support of the Racine Civic Centre Commission for the continued private management of the Racine Civic Centre by VenuWorks of Racine, LLC.

Having been charged with the oversight of the Civic Centre operations, we discussed at length the relationship between VenuWorks of Racine and the operations of the Civic Centre. We agreed unanimously that we have seen a significant improvement in the care of the Racine Civic Centre facilities, number of events/bookings, customer satisfaction, and overall financial performance.

Basically, we have come a long way and to interrupt the positive momentum made by the current management would be detrimental to the long term health of the Civic Centre. This is especially true in light of current economic conditions. The expenses born by any search and management change to the city would be an unnecessary cost to the tax payers of Racine.

For this reason, we are recommending that the City of Racine extend a contract offer to VenuWorks of Racine for the continued management of the Racine Civic Centre. I would be more than willing to meet with you and/or appear before the City Council to address this issue.

Sincerely,

James DeMatthew

Cc: Mayor John Dickert