



## Letter of Support

Dear Members of Denver City Council,

On behalf of the RiNo Business Improvement District, I am writing in support of the renewal of the Five Points Business Improvement District for an additional ten-year term.

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As a peer Business Improvement District, RiNo BID understands the value of having a stable, accountable organization dedicated to advancing the needs of local businesses while safeguarding the character of a place. Over the past decade - and with renewed energy under Executive Director Norman Harris and the BID Board - the Five Points BID has strengthened its role as a coordinating partner, advocate, and community leader for the corridor. Recent BID-led efforts have helped advance:

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- Ongoing cultural programming that supports small businesses and draws residents and visitors to the corridor throughout the year

These outcomes reflect meaningful progress in how the BID operates, advocates, and delivers results. Since the leadership transition in 2024, the BID and its Board have demonstrated stronger coordination with City partners, clearer priorities, and a renewed commitment to transparency and community-centered decision-making.

From our perspective in RiNo, effective Business Improvement Districts provide more than maintenance and programming - they offer structure, accountability, and sustained advocacy that individual businesses cannot achieve alone. Renewal of the Five Points BID ensures continued coordination, economic support, and long-term stewardship of a corridor that holds deep historic and cultural significance for Denver.



For these reasons, I urge City Council to approve the 10-year renewal of the Five Points Business Improvement District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Madeksza". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "T".

Terry Madeksza  
RiNo BID Executive Director  
RiNo Business Improvement District

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My name is **Mary Tangredi**, and I am writing to express my support for renewing the **Five Points Business Improvement District** for an additional ten-year term.

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Support for renewing the Five Points Business Improvement District reflects a commitment to:

- **Economic development and business support that strengthens local entrepreneurship, attracts investment, and ensures neighborhood businesses have the resources needed to grow and succeed.**
- **Preserving and celebrating the culture, history, and legacy of Five Points, honoring its role as a historic center of Black culture, music, and community in Denver.**
- **Strong coordination, accountability, and stewardship to ensure resources are managed responsibly, services are delivered effectively, and stakeholders work together to support the district's long-term vitality.**

As **the Community Director for The Lydian**, I believe renewing the Five Points BID is essential to protecting Denver's only historic Black cultural corridor while ensuring it continues to thrive in the years ahead.

For these reasons, I urge City Council to approve the 10-year renewal of the Five Points Business Improvement District.

Sincerely,

Mary Tangredi  
Community Director- The Lydian  
Apartment community located in the Five Points District