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You have my 100% support on the priorities outlined in your Chamber of Commerce platform.

The KED, a new library and art gallery, Places des Art and the proposed Convention and Performance Centre are important quality of life amenities in our city that can also be economic drivers. I recall a conversation with Glenn Murray who was doing a session in the City on Municipal Cultural Planning and he asked businesses why they chose to locate to Winnipeg when he was Mayor and their response was "there are things for our employees to do outside of work" While I support these projects, I also feel their needs to be leadership provided in their development and we need to be responsible. These types of quality of life investments will also help to attract and develop a skilled workforce in our city. Equally important to developing that skilled workforce is working with our colleges and universities, businesses and industry to ensure we have opportunities for young people in our city. I have heard from youth who want to invest in our community, are well educated, but they can not investment because they are always working in temp jobs, so we have to do more to ensure we had long term opportunities, so they can invest.

My platform is Young, Responsible, Leadership and focusses on Responsible, Retail, Residential, and Recreational development opportunities as the best way to stablize property taxes and promote economic growth. The full platform is online at www.derekyoungward11.wixsite.com/website

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