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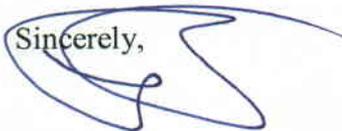
Council President Barbara Johnson and Members of the City Council,

This is to inform you that I have vetoed the Council action of October 6, 2006 amending Appendix G of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to *Bus Stop Shelters Franchise*, transferring the Transtop bus shelter franchise to CBS Outdoor and extending the termination date of the franchise to 2015.

While I have great respect for the work of public works staff and council members to negotiate the contract extension, two areas of concern lead me to veto this action:

1. **Terms and length of contract:** My core belief in transparent government drives me to call for an open, competitive bidding process sooner than 2015. While I also believe that this could potentially leverage better services for the city, the most important consideration is the inherent value of an open, competitive process. This value is even more important given the length of commitment the City is being asked to make in this case.
2. **Council Process:** I believe that this decision was made with legitimate concerns, and information about other competitors, yet to be answered. In fact, in a tie vote, half the Council asked to return this issue to committee for deliberation.

The combination of these two concerns leads me to make this veto. I hope that this will allow additional time for the further consideration of these legitimate issues and produce an outcome that we can all support.

Sincerely,


R.T. Rybak
Mayor

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