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FEDERAL LAWSUIT AGAINST CITY DISMISSED City's Bid Process Re-affirmed by Courts

BIRMINGHAM, MI. A federal judge today (July 29, 2019) dismissed a federal lawsuit filed by TIR Equities and its principal, Ara Darakjian, against the City of Birmingham, City Manager Joseph A. Valentine and City Commissioner Mark Nickita.

The lawsuit was filed by a disappointed bidder in a formal selection process for a site redevelopment project at 333 North Old Woodward that would increase parking in downtown Birmingham.

Birmingham Mayor Patty Bordman responded to the dismissal of the lawsuit, by stating: "The City was confident from the outset that there would be a favorable outcome in this matter. In fact, the court's dismissal of every aspect of this lawsuit shows that the City of Birmingham engaged in no wrongdoing, whatsoever."

"I'm glad that this case has been decided and that the City can move forward. The City of Birmingham has always run a fair and transparent competitive bidding process," said City Manager Joseph A. Valentine."

The Courts had concluded that a disappointed bidder does not have standing and the Plaintiff's claims were dismissed with prejudice as a final judgement and will be entered in favor of the City.

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