

# Proclamation

## Of the City of Charlotte

### Downtown Development Authority

The City of Charlotte Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors hereby proclaims its appreciation and respect to Chairperson Jeannette Sommer for her years of faithful service to the Downtown Development Authority since the organization's earliest days.

Jeannette Sommer was one of the original 12 members of the Downtown Development Authority Board, being appointed originally as Treasurer in January 1989. She later became Chairperson of the Board, and served in that capacity for nearly 20 years.

Jeannette Sommer was instrumental in helping establish and manage the Downtown Development Authority's popular Façade Improvement Grant Program; she was a steady voice in support of historic preservation in the community; she was an advocate for both local retail business, as well as important downtown institutions like the Courthouse Square Association.

Jeannette Sommer also helped the Downtown Development Authority establish its sidewalk snow removal program, its Summer Concerts on the Square free music series, and also the downtown Farmer's Market.

The Board of Directors of the City of Charlotte Downtown Development Authority expresses its sincere thanks to Chairperson Sommer and wishes her the very best as she moves forward.