



CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PARTNER TO RELEASE RFI FOR THE ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE DRAKE

INDIANAPOLIS -- Building upon Indianapolis' enduring legacy of civic and philanthropic partnerships, today The Children's Museum of Indianapolis (Museum) and the City of Indianapolis – Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) collaboratively released a Request for Information (RFI) regarding the rehabilitation and/or adaptive reuse of the Drake Apartments. The building is located at 3060 North Meridian Street in Indianapolis.

"The Children's Museum is excited for this unique opportunity to team up with the City," said Brian Statz, Vice President of Operations and General Counsel for the Children's Museum. "This partnership can facilitate and promote quality of place for many individuals living, working, and playing in Indianapolis."

The Drake apartment building has been vacant since December 2016. It was operated as an apartment building until that time, when the deteriorating condition of the building warranted that it be closed. Starting in 2016, the Museum worked with Indiana Landmarks and a focus group of neighbors to identify and contact property developers and other organizations to see what possibilities existed to redevelop and operate the building. After more than two years, however, no viable proposals were received to save the building. In early 2019, working with Indiana Landmarks and the focus group, the Museum issued a formal request for proposals to hotel developers and operators, but those efforts did not produce results.

"The City and the Museum have had productive conversations about the future of the Drake," said Emily Mack, Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development. "We are thrilled to collaborate in order to find solutions for the adaptive reuse of this historic building located along a bus-rapid transit line."

A copy of the [RFI may be found online here](#). As stated in the RFI, the City may offer community or economic incentives based on proposals submitted. Submissions to the RFI are due February 21, 2020 at 12 p.m.

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About The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is a nonprofit institution committed to creating extraordinary learning experiences across the arts, sciences, and humanities that have the power to transform the lives of children and families. For more information about The Children's Museum, visit www.childrensmuseum.org.

About the Department of Metropolitan Development

The Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) works to plan and preserve our city; to provide housing assistance to our most vulnerable people; to redevelop key sites; and to bring new jobs to Indianapolis. DMD envisions Indianapolis as a growing, vibrant, and beautiful city where people and



businesses thrive in an inclusive, world class community. For more information about DMD, visit www.indy.gov/dmd.

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