First we want to acknowledge and give thanks to Jeff Springut of Rochester Events for the years of great festivals he has produced for the residents and guests of Monroe County and the City of Rochester and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

We are currently working with two seasoned pros with long histories with the festival. We are in good hands moving forward with them in coordination with the City of Rochester and Lilac Festival Inc. We are well underway with our planning and critical items that will make this event successful have already been reserved.

The LFI board is taking the opportunity to assess the festival moving forward. Given the festival and special event landscape today, they will work hard to best position the Lilac Festival now and in the future.

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