

November 18, 2025

The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin
President – Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216
Cleveland, OH 44114

RE: Legislation Passed Under Suspension – November 24, 2025

Dear Council President Griffin:

I am writing to ask your support in Introducing and passing the legislation described below Under Suspension at the **City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2025.** The purpose of the legislation is as follows:

The legislation will approve the 12-31-2024 Tax Incentive Review Council's (TIRC) recommendations by Cleveland City Council to meet its obligation under Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Urgent Justification for Immediate Passage of TIRC Recommendations

It is imperative that Cleveland City Council approve the **12-31-2024 Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC)** recommendations at the next council meeting to ensure compliance with **Chapter 5709 of the Ohio Revised Code**. The statute mandates that the City act on TIRC recommendations **before the end of the calendar year**. Failure to pass this legislation before December 31, 2025, would place the City in violation of the Code, potentially jeopardizing the legal standing of existing tax incentive agreements. Timely approval also ensures transparency and accountability in the oversight of public incentives.

I appreciate your support and understanding in moving this project forward. If you have any questions, please contact me (216) 664-2204.

Sincerely,



Joevrose Bourdeau Small
Director, Economic Development

cc: Byron Demery, Nancy Lanzola