

Resolution No. 1126-2022

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Supporting Issue 6 the Port Authority of Cleveland's levy renewal.

By Council Members Conwell, Bishop, Gray, Griffin, Hairston, Harsh, Howse, Jones, Kazy, Maurer, McCormack, Mooney, Polensek, Santana, Slife, Spencer and Starr

FOR ADOPTION
October 24, 2022

WHEREAS, the Port of Authority of Cleveland (the Port) is a crucial component of Northeast Ohio's economy because it connects this region's businesses with the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Port handles more than 10 million tons of cargo annually, playing an important role in reducing supply chain issues; further the Port has become a point of entry for thousands of cruise passengers and has positioned the City as a leader in the Great Lakes cruise industry; and

WHEREAS, the Port drives more than \$3.5 billion dollars in economic activity every year and supports more than 20,000 good jobs; the economic activity supported by the Port produces more than \$140 million dollars every year in state and local taxes which pay for critical services that benefit everyone; and

WHEREAS, the Port fights to protect the region's greatest assets - the Cuyahoga River, Lake Erie and the harbor: it fought Washington bureaucrats to keep from dumping toxic sediment from dredging material into the harbor; it is working to bring lakefront amenities back to the City's east side through the Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Study (CHEERS) project and to protect Cuyahoga shipping access by revitalizing Irishtown Bend; and

WHEREAS, the levy is the same 0.13 mills that it was when the Port was created 54 years ago, which is by far Cuyahoga County's smallest countywide property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the current Port levy passed in 2017 expires next year, so a renewal of the levy is on the ballot as Issue 6 in November, 2022; this levy renewal will not increase taxes; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports Issue 6 the Port Authority of Cleveland's levy renewal.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the appropriate persons at the Port of Authority of Cleveland.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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**REPORT
after second Reading**

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