

August 6, 2026

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

RE: Introduction and Passage – August 19, 2026

Amend Ord. 565-17 Bond Funds Housing Construction Gap & Homebuyer Assistance Program

Dear Council President Griffin:

I am writing to ask your support in **Introducing and Passing** the legislation described below at the next **Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026.** The purpose of the legislation is as follows:

The legislation will authorize The Directors of Development and Community Development to amend the title, and Sections 1, 2, 2a, 2b, and 2c of Ordinance No. 565-17, passed June 5, 2017, as amended, relating to conducting a program to make loans or grants for down payment assistance, appraisal gap funding, and construction gap funding for single family homes and to add the Department of Development.

Passage of this ordinance on **August 19, 2026**, is required to authorize the Directors of Development and Community Development to execute agreements with qualified entities. Several projects are in final closeout with remaining disbursements pending, and this amendment will allow for uninterrupted service by ensuring those funds can move between departments without delay.

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

Sincerely,



Joevrose Bourdeau Small

Director, Department of Development

cc: Robin Brown, file