

September 13, 2024

Cleveland City Council Members City Hall, Room 220

Dear Council Members:

I am writing regarding two appointments City Council has to the City's Reinvestment Review Committee. Under Chapter 178 of the Codified Ordinances, this Committee shall issue a report analyzing and evaluating the information contained in the depository applications submitted pursuant to Section 178.03 prior to submission of the names of the eligible depositories by the Director of Finance to the Council pursuant to Section 178.03. In the report, the Committee shall make a recommendation to City Council as to which institutions have acted in compliance with their sworn affidavit and any applicable federal law requirements.

I ask for your consideration to appoint Council Members Anthony Hairston and Kris Harsh to this Reinvestment Review Committee. I know firsthand the importance of the role that banks play in strengthening our communities; and this reinvestment committee has a valuable oversight function. Both Mr. Hairston and Mr. Harsh bring valuable perspectives and policy expertise to the Committee. Hairston is chair of Council's Committee on Development, Planning and Sustainability. Harsh has a long record working on housing issues in the community.

These nominations will be up for votes by Council at the meeting on September 16, 2024. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Blaine A. Griffin Council President

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