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

RE: Legislation For Passage – July 12, 2023

Dear Council President Griffin:

I am writing to request your support for introduction and passage under suspension of legislation described below at the City Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2023. The legislation is as follows:

Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (P.A.C.E) financing for Park Lamont project at East 97th Street and Lamont Avenue (Ward 7):

Approving the addition of property located at the intersection of East 97th Street and Lamont Avenue to the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District; accepting and approving a petition and plan from a property owner in the District identifying a special energy improvement project; declaring it necessary to conduct the special energy improvement project; providing for the assessment of the cost of such special energy improvement project; authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into an Energy Project Cooperative Agreement and a Special Assessment Agreement to implement the project; and declaring an emergency.

This legislation will authorize the Director to assist WPW QOZB, LLC, the property owner, with financing clean energy improvements to the property located at E. 97th and Lamont Avenue by imposing a special assessment. The project will not require nor receive any City funding and has received a letter of support from Councilwoman Stephanie Howse.

This legislation has been delayed for some time and the project and the Developer is ready to proceed immediately. I appreciate your support and understanding of our interest in moving this project forward in July. If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 664-2204.

Sincerely,

Terri Hamilton Brown, Interim Director
Department of Economic Development

cc: All Members of Council
Patricia J. Britt, City Clerk, Clerk of Council
Ryan M. Puente, Chief of Government Affairs