

August 6, 2026

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

RE: Introduction & Passage – August 19, 2026
Amend Ordinance No. 482-2022 CRA Residential Tax Abatement

Dear Council President Griffin:

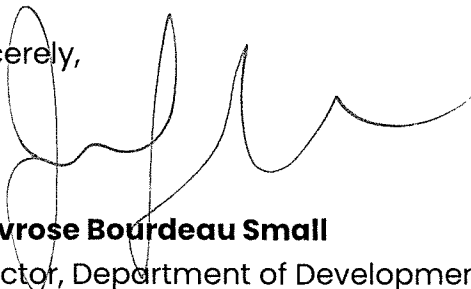
I am writing to ask your support in **Introducing and Passing** the legislation described below at the **Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026.** The purpose of the legislation is as follows:

The legislation will authorize the Director of Development to amend Sections 3(k), 3(l), 4, 5, and 10 of Ordinance No. 482-2022, passed May 25, 2022, as amended, relating to replacing the Department of Community Development with the Department of Development for the CRA residential tax abatement program.

Passage of this ordinance on **August 19, 2026**, is required to ensure the incoming Housing Development Officer can immediately perform the duties of the position upon arrival in late August. Eight (8) multifamily housing projects are currently in the pipeline and require Housing Development Officer approval. Senior lenders require the Tax Abatement approval to finalize the project financing.

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