



July 22, 2025

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

RE: Legislation passed under suspension – August 13, 2025

Dear Council President Blaine A. Griffin:

I am writing to ask your support in introducing and passing the legislation described below under suspension at the City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025. The resolution is the third required legislative step in establishing a Special Improvement District for the Gordon Square Arts District, with details as follows:

Approving the report of the Assessment Equalization Board on objections concerning estimated assessments with respect to the continuation of the Gordon Square Arts District-Cleveland Improvement Corporation (GSAD-CIC) special improvement district and the new plan to provide public services for the District; determining to proceed with the plan; adopting and levying the assessments; and authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the GSAD-CIC.

The passage of this ordinance under suspension on August 13 is essential to renew the SID and levy assessments in conjunction with the 2026 Tax Year for the services the GSAD - CIC provides.

I appreciate your support and understanding in moving the special improvement district renewal forward. If you have any questions, please contact me at 216-857-1466.

Sincerely,

Calley Mersmann
Director, City Planning

