



June 25, 2025

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

RE: Legislation passed under suspension – July 9, 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, July 9, 2025. The resolution is the second required legislative step in establishing a Special Improvement District for the Gordon Square Arts District, with details as follows:

The legislation will name appointed members of an Assessment Equalization Board (AEB) and declare the date(s) and time(s) of the AEB hearing, where affected property owners may object to the estimated assessments and service plan proposed by the Gordon Square Arts District – Cleveland Improvement Corporation.

The passage of this ordinance under suspension on July 9 is essential to allow time for affected property owners' due process for objections to the estimated assessments and service plan before final adoption, as required by law. Passage on July 9 ensures that the necessary legislative and administrative processes will be completed so that property owners can be assessed 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

