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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. Resolution No. 1254-2024 is to vacate all of Joy Court and Day Alley. Joy Court Fee Owner, LLC is partnering with the City to bring these abandoned roadways and approximately 1.65 acres of adjacent vacant land back to productive use to enhance and stabilize the neighborhood.

The passage of this ordinance under suspension on August 13th is essential to secure the projects financing which is contingent on filing the vacation and consolidation plat. Communications regarding the aforementioned street vacation began in February 2024. The project is behind schedule. An extension of the construction-commencement deadline in our deed covenants has already been negotiated.

The site's master plan will split the assembled land (20 parcels) into two projects designed to provide housing opportunities for middle-income residents. The first project will create 16 for-sale townhouses targeted to new homeowners with gross annual incomes between $65,000 and $90,000. The second project will create a +/- 95-unit apartment building targeted to unsubsidized rental households with annual incomes between $40,000 and $70,000.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please call me at 664-2536.

Sincerely,

Paul Barrett, Director, Chief Financial Officer
Department of Finance

Cc: All Members of Council
Patricia J. Britt, City Clerk, Clerk of Council
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Michael Culp, Mayor's Office