Ord. No. 1000-2025

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The Honorable Blaine A. Griffin
President – Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216
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RE: Legislation for Passage – August 13, 2025 - Metro West Community Development Corporation

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, August 13, 2025.** The legislation is as follows:

An Emergency Ordinance – *Authorizing the Director of Economic Development to enter into a forgivable loan agreement with Metro West Community Development Corporation, or designee in the amount of up to $2,300,000 Neighborhood Transformation Initiative funds to finance the acquisition, holding, stabilization, pre-development/soft costs and fees associated with multiple mixed-use commercial development projects in commercial corridors of different scales, within the existing boundaries of Ward 14 service area.*

It is critical that this ordinance be passed on August 13.
The Ward Council person requested that this piece be introduced and passed to enable the Community Development Corporation to expedite commercial corridor development.

I appreciate your support and understanding of our interest in moving this project forward. If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 664-2832.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. McNair, 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