



May 30, 2019

Kevin J. Kelley, Council President
Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 220
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Subject: Resolution urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels.

Please let this correspondence represents our request for the above referenced legislation to be passed under suspension at the June 3rd, 2019, City Council meeting.

Background:

In 2011, the State of Ohio reduced Local Government Fund by 50%, during the Kasich Administration, from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Funds. In response to the State of Ohio imposed reductions in revenue sharing, which included Local Government Fund, the elimination of the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax, the City instituted necessary reductions in personnel costs through layoffs and restructured some delivery of services.

From 2011 to present, the City of Cleveland has accumulated revenues losses in the amount of One Hundred Sixty Three Million Two Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars (\$163,207,902).

Recommendation:

With this Resolution, we are urging the new Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sharon A. Dumas".

Sharon A. Dumas,
Director
Department of Finance

Kevin J. Kelley, President
Cleveland City Council

Approval

Date

CC: Nancy Lanzola