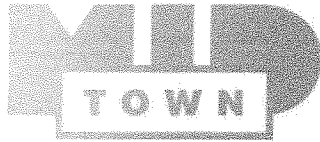


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April 17, 2019

Ms. Lisa Brownell
Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program Manager
Office of Strategic Investments
Ohio Development Services Agency
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Midtown Historic District, I-90 Inner Belt to E. 55th; Chester to Perkins, Euclid and Prospect to Carnegie Aves., Cleveland, Cuyahoga County - National Register Nomination & Pipeline Grant

Dear Ms. Brownell:

MidTown Cleveland, Inc. has been serving the neighborhood for over 30 years, and has evolved from a business-focused organization working on safety, blight reduction, and networking to a hybrid economic and community development organization serving the diverse group of residents, businesses, and nonprofits who call MidTown home.

Please accept this correspondence as support by MidTown Cleveland for inclusion of the Midtown Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. Listing of this commercial district on the National Register will not only recognize the significance of the building regeneration that occurred from 1940 to 1970 east of the innerbelt but highlight the abundance of Mid-20th century architecture centered on Euclid Avenue. In addition, listing on the NRHP will have a direct impact on economic development, encouraging rehabilitation of historic commercial buildings by allowing owners to take advantage of both the Federal and State Tax Incentive programs. We are confident that the majority of business owners within the proposed historic district will support listing on the National Register.

We fully support the Pipeline Initiative grant application for money to be applied towards the cost of the research and consulting fees to complete the National Register process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (216) 391-5080 ext. 108, if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Epstein", written over a large, stylized, looped graphic element.

Jeff Epstein
Executive Director

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