Building a Greater Ohio

GREATER OHIO POLICY CENTER 2020-2021 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA
Welcome

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREATER OHIO POLICY CENTER
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Greater Ohio Policy Center 2020-2021 Public Policy Platform

- **Building on Success of the past two years**
  - Passage of Bona Fide Purchase Defense Law
  - Historical Funding for Public Transit Services
  - Progress on Statewide Active Transportation Policy

- **Vision**
  - “a Revitalized Ohio”
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Three Primary Focuses of the Public Policy Platform

- Investing in Brownfields
  - Aaron Clapper

- Innovation in Infrastructure & Transportation
  - Maria Walliser-Wejebe & Jason Warner

- Empowering Ohio’s Legacy Cities
  - Erica Spaid Patras & Lindsey Elam
Investing in Brownfields

To Build a Greater Ohio...

- Fund the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund
  - Nearly $40 million in funding available through the reallocation of liquor profits the state receives each year from JobsOhio

Aaron Clapper, MPPA, Project Manager
To Build a Greater Ohio…

- Maintain Support for Public Transit
  - Transit has been a vital service throughout the coronavirus pandemic
  - Retain $70 million approved in funding two years ago to maintain this necessary service

Maria Walliser-Wejebe, Senior Research Associate
Jason Warner, Director of Strategic Engagement
Innovate Infrastructure & Transportation

To Build a Greater Ohio…

Invest in Preservation, Not Expansion

Prioritizing preservation and repair projects would not only address the existing maintenance needs across the state, but this shift would generate more jobs than capacity-building and expansion projects.

Maria Walliser-Wejebe, Senior Research Associate
Jason Warner, Director of Strategic Engagement
To Build a Greater Ohio...

- Invest in Broadband Infrastructure
  - Lack of access is a problem in both rural communities and marginalized neighborhoods in our urban core
  - Funding + Access to public right-of-way “smart corridors” can help to bridge the gap

Maria Walliser-Wejebe, Senior Research Associate
Jason Warner, Director of Strategic Engagement
Empower Ohio’s Legacy Cities

To Build a Greater Ohio…

- Preserve Long-Term City Investments
  - Suspension of the 20-Day Rule was a necessary response to the coronavirus pandemic
  - Lifting the suspension could negatively impact Ohio cities by as much as $411 million per year

Erica Spaid Patras, MCP, Senior Manager of Special Projects
Empower Ohio’s Legacy Cities

To Build a Greater Ohio…

- Stabilize Our Downtowns & Commercial Centers
  - Financial support to small businesses, including commercial rent relief, access to risk-tolerant capital & invest in worker safety

Lindsey Elam, AICP, Manager of Research
Empower Ohio’s Legacy Cities

To Build a Greater Ohio…
- Ensure Capacity Building in State Programs
  - Help local governments obtain & retain skills, knowledge & tools needed to become vibrant, prosperous connected places

Lindsey Elam, AICP, Manager of Research
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► To Build a Greater Ohio…
  ► Prevent New Cycles of Blight & Disinvestment
    ► Tax amnesty and reform to outdates land contract law will prevent home vacancy

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To Build a Greater Ohio...

- Provide Strategic Investment in Neighborhoods
  - Façade & streetscaping improvements, public art, mixed-use development & transit-oriented development improve the livability of cities and neighborhoods – capitalizing on existing assets and attracting new residents

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To Build a Greater Ohio…

- Protect Ohio Families through Housing
  - Eviction & foreclosure moratoriums provide temporary relief to an emerging crisis in housing. Rental assistance programs for residents and access to risk-tolerant capital for landlords will protect families and help restart the economy

Lindsey Elam, AICP, Manager of Research
Public Engagement

“we will continue to advocate for policies & initiatives with the Ohio General Assembly & DeWine Administration related to capital investment, taxation, housing and other areas central to our mission”

Final Questions
Thank you for Joining Us Today