RECONNECTING CLE
THE INNERBELT-CAMPUS DISTRICT CAP CONNECTOR

A Proposal for the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Courthouse Disposition

RFP#: 8945
June 14th, 2022
Dear Director Lockett:

The proposal before you is the direct result of diverse stakeholder groups coming together and recognizing a unique opportunity. We’ve titled our project Reconnecting CLE because it represents a chance to relink a neighborhood divided by Redlining, the construction of a highway, and clearing large areas of land for institution development. In addition, it has the added benefit of saving taxpayer money.

We are proposing the demolition of the former juvenile justice center and entering into a neighborhood community agreement to coordinate its demolition while it is land banked for future repurposing. Simultaneously the project team will begin working with ODOT to redesign the East 22nd Street Bridge/Carnegie Avenue Exit ramp in a manner that links the campuses of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland State University, and Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority. This idea also provides for future multimodal connections, such as the Slavic Village Connector and connections to the Superior Avenue Midway through improvements along East 22nd Street.

The removal of the juvenile court building will cost an estimated $2 million, while ODOT is ready to spend $15 million on a bridge structure to develop a highway exit ramp to avoid impacting the building. The City of Cleveland Planning Commission has rejected this plan as not enough to rectify the impact of the highway’s construction seventy years ago, providing this unique window to reimagine the site and its connection between the neighborhood and downtown. The savings from not having to build the bridge structure for the road can be better spent building infrastructure that allows people to walk from place to place in an area that is less than 600 feet apart.

We also recognize that many people throughout our broader community will be upset by what is perceived as the destruction of another historic landmark. Campus District stakeholders have made adaptive reuse a main strategy of our neighborhood’s redevelopment. But by listening to our residents, we learned that a building can be architecturally beautiful and still painful for the people who reside next to it. As part of our community dialogue process, we’ll listen to ideas of elements of the building that could be saved, such as some masonry work that could be incorporated into a future park that honors the architecture of...
the building but also talks about the site as a both a physical and racial dividing point.

Much of the historic architecture of the site has already been destroyed from remodeling over the decades. Since its closure, the building has been vandalized repeatedly and was even set on fire. A walk-through last year revealed that almost all the rooms have been destroyed. Campus District spent years working on neighborhood redevelopment plans, none of which came to fruition.

With the county’s upcoming completion of the asbestos project, Campus District and its partners can work quickly to identify sources of funding to tear the building down, enabling ODOT to redesign the Innerbelt plan that enables the campuses of the anchor institutions to grow together. But this all must come together in the next six to eight months; otherwise, ODOT’s timeline for federal funding is called into question, and the project is built to build a bridge around a building that nobody wants.

I hope you’ll agree that our proposal provides the best opportunity for a lasting change in the community by reconnecting a physically divided community. What we do here will be the default as the Innerbelt is reconstructed over the next decade under roadways like Euclid, Payne, Superior, and St. Clair.

As required in the RFP, the following information is provided:

Legal Name: Campus District, Inc.

Legal Status of Organization: 501c3 Non-Profit

Number of Years in Business: 39 years (founded as St. Vincent Quadrangle)

Federal Tax ID: 34-1387460

Principal place of business: Cleveland, OH

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As voted on unanimously by the Board of Directors at the June 10th, 2022 meeting, I am authorized to begin talking to the county about our plan.

Sincerely,

Mark Lammon
Executive Director

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PROPERTY & PROPOSING PARTIES

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Mission Statement: Campus District connects Cleveland’s downtown campuses by leading, providing, and promoting community development services.

Vision Statement: By connecting people and ideas, CDI promotes and strengthens the business, education, healthcare, religious, research, and service activities of its member institutions. CDI creates places, not just facilities, by working to improve the quality of life for those who live, work, visit, and study in this growing district.

DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Campus District intends to work with a broad range of stakeholders, including our local government officials, anchor institutions, residents, business owners, and the broader Cleveland community to demolish the former juvenile court building and develop a highway cap and development sites over I-90. We have a wide range of community support, which we will illustrate in the Community Impact & Redevelopment Plan.
EXPERIENCE & RESUME

Campus District has a history of bringing a broad group of stakeholders together to address systemic community issues. Some of our early work on this site resulted in the Bridge that Bridges project, a public art installation on the East 22nd Street Bridge. This project brought a coalition of stakeholders to talk about race and equity in the neighborhood and how the highway has impacted these topics. Our proposal is an opportunity to take that project much further and solve a historic injustice in the neighborhood. Please use any one of the letters of support in the attachment section for references to our work as a community-based organization.

Our more recent work with the county has resulted in the upcoming installation of four permanent public restrooms in Campus District and Ohio City. The Innerbelt-Campus District CAP Connector will be another example of us bringing together large groups and institutions to solve a community problem.

HOLD PERIOD

Campus District will not be the long-term holder of the building and we do not intend to be the direct holder of the building at sale. We intend to work with existing organizations to ‘land-bank’ the site for future development with I-90 Innerbelt reconstruction.

DEBT & TAX STATUS

Campus District does not currently have any debts, Real Estate Tax delinquency, or other outstanding judgments.
ECONOMICS

PURCHASE PRICE
Campus District intends on purchasing the site for $1.00, so it can be transferred to an entity to demolish the former juvenile court building and the site land-banked for a long-term community use.

EARNEST MONEY
Campus District confirms it is willing to deposit the $1.00 earnest money into escrow within five (5) business days of an execution of an agreement.

FINANCING & EQUITY
Campus District intends to continue to bring the community together to identify sources of funding of $2 million to demolish the former juvenile court building. Savings to the ODOT Innerbelt CCG3A project could be redirected into the project.

FUNDING ESCROW
Campus District acknowledges a requirement of closing will be the deposit of all monies required for the proposed redevelopment into escrow or fully fund. Our purchase price of $1.00 will be deposited for the proposed demolition. We acknowledge that our permits for demolition would need to be in place and that the site be brought back into positive use for the community.

FINANCING TIMELINE
Campus District to provide the $1.00 purchase price immediately.
PURCHASE AGREEMENT TERMS & CONDITIONS

CONDITION OF PROPERTY

Campus District acknowledges that the property is being sold as is. We intend to demolish the former Juvenile Court building.

PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT

Campus District acknowledges that the Seller will prepare the Purchase and Sale Agreement. We intend to work with the Seller and the broader Cleveland Community to transfer the property to an entity that will oversee the demolition of the building.

DUE DILIGENCE

Campus District acknowledges the Seller is offering sixty (60) days from the execution of the Purchase and Sale Agreement to inspect the property; however, that is not required. Campus District has spent a decade of due diligence and has concluded the building must be demolished in order to reconnect the Central Neighborhood back into downtown.

CLOSING

Campus District acknowledges the Due Diligence Period to complete the Closing for the Property.

CONTINGENCIES

Campus District’s only contingency is time. We must come together quickly as a neighborhood to identify the legal entity which should own the property and begin the demolition. We believe that through the community’s collective advocacy, we can raise or identify the $2 million necessary for the demolition of the building.
COMMUNITY IMPACT & REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

BUILDING PACKAGE

When the former Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Building & Detention Center closed its doors permanently over a decade ago, the Campus District, Downtown, and Central communities immediately began looking into solutions so the building would not become a detriment to the community. Despite years of efforts, including several studies and RFPs, the building remains abandoned and a reminder of past injustices on the community. A unique opportunity has presented itself to correct a historical wrong caused by an infrastructure project 70 years ago, with the ability to simultaneously demolish a building the neighborhood wishes to see gone and provide a significant cost savings to the taxpayers of the State of Ohio. But action must be taken now for ODOT’s project to stay on track.

WHAT’S PLANNED VS. WHAT’S POSSIBLE

Current ODOT Proposal:

This exit ramp requires the state to build a bridge deck over I-90 in order to avoid the former juvenile court building costing $15 Million. It will require continual maintenance and does not provide the proper connection back into downtown from the eastside. It also prevents planned bicycle/pedestrian connection points from having a safe path from the proposed Slavic Village Connector and other projects planned on the eastside. This design also prohibits downtown’s anchor institutions from more cohesively integrating their campuses.

Proposed Neighborhood Plan:

This DRAFT design by the Cleveland City Planning Commission shows the removal of the former juvenile court building. The demolition of the building will cost $2.0 Million. The proposed design is safer, allows for connection into the central business district and across Cleveland State University, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, and Cuyahoga Community College Campuses, and a greenspace that is lacking in the neighborhood.
NEIGHBORHOOD VISION

By knocking down the former Juvenile Court Building, the proposed I-90 Innerbelt Trench development can realign the exit ramp to Carnegie Avenue south of the highway and create a greenspace that relinks the Central Neighborhood back into downtown.

CURRENT CONDITION

The following images were taken via drone on June 5th. The building on the right is the former Juvenile Court Building and Detention Center. The road in the foreground is East 22nd Street, the only north-south street in the neighborhood that crosses over the highway. Behind the court building is the Old Cedar Estates housing project, the oldest public housing in the United States. The image below shows the roadway barriers for the residents to access downtown.
PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN

Utilizing the same drone imagery, we’ve rendered a possible scenario should the Juvenile Court Building be removed. This is only a DRAFT, as the road could take an even more southerly direction. This plan provides much-needed greenspace for the neighborhood, provides a safe and connected linkage between downtown and the eastside, and provides for a possible development site to further address community-identified needs. It also removes a reminder of the injustices inflicted on the neighborhood and corrects a historic wrong through thoughtful infrastructure.
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

The following table outlines a possible timeline for the Campus District’s neighborhood vision to come to fruition:

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<td>June 15, 2022</td>
<td>Campus District submits a response to Cuyahoga County’s RFP for the Juvenile Court Building, stating that the community wishes to see the building torn down and a reconfigured I-90/East 22nd Street intersection and bridge built. This proposal will include letters of support from various stakeholders, including the Sisters of Charity Health System and its sponsored organizations, Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority, Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Greater Cleveland Partnership, the City of Cleveland, and community residents.</td>
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<td>Summer 2022</td>
<td>Campus District works with government, property owners, anchor institutions, residents, and others to secure $2 Million in funding to demolish the Juvenile Court Building. The site would then be turned over to the State of Ohio or a ‘land-bank’ entity. The City of Cleveland and Campus District work to secure Planning Commission Approval (advocacy on this effort has already started).</td>
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<td>August 2022</td>
<td>All asbestos has been removed from the building, and it is ready for demolition.</td>
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<td>Fall 2022</td>
<td>ODOT redesigns the site to incorporate a highway CAP over I-90 and utilizes some or all of the cost savings from the new design to make the East 22nd Street Bridge Deck wider, creating a seamless link between the neighborhood. Campus District and other neighborhood stakeholders host a series of community meetings to design and program the park or potential future development sites.</td>
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<td>Winter 2022/2023</td>
<td>The building is demolished, and the site is cleared. ODOT bids the CCGA3A Innerbelt Highway project.</td>
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<td>2024-2026</td>
<td>Construction occurs on the Innerbelt with the Improved East 22nd Street Bridge &amp; Exit Ramp.</td>
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BY THE NUMBERS

Campus District’s neighborhood vision not only provides for a safer and better solution for linking the eastside neighborhoods with downtown, but it also makes financial sense:

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<td>Cost of bridge deck to cantilever the Carnegie Avenue Exit Ramp over I-90 and avoid the Juvenile Court Building.</td>
<td>$15 Million</td>
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<td>Cost to demolish the Juvenile Court Building</td>
<td>$2 Million</td>
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<td>Potential cost savings to taxpayers and the State of Ohio, a portion (or all) of which could be reinvested back into the enhanced bridge</td>
<td>$13 Million</td>
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TIMELINE OF THE SITE

The following table outlines the historic and recent developments around the former Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Building, Innerbelt Highway, East 22nd Street, Cedar, and Central Avenues.

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<td>1932</td>
<td>The now former Juvenile Court Building is constructed.</td>
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<td>1935</td>
<td>Cedar Estates is built, the first public housing in the United States (still in use today).</td>
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<td>1951</td>
<td>Urban Renewal Plan for the ‘St. Vincent Center’ results in the removal of much housing, but the plan never materializes.</td>
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<td>1954</td>
<td>Construction of the Innerbelt Highway begins with more of the neighborhood cleared for its construction.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1961</td>
<td>The Innerbelt is finished from the river to the Shoreway, cutting the African American community off from Downtown.</td>
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<td>1965</td>
<td>Cleveland State University (CSU) construction begins, clearing the northern part of the neighborhood for its campus.</td>
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<td>1966</td>
<td>Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) begins construction of its Metropolitan Campus, clearing the southern neighborhood for its campus.</td>
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<td>1983</td>
<td>The anchor institutions of CSU, Tri-C, and St. Vincent Charity Medical Center form a neighborhood organization to oversee revitalization of the neighborhood. This would eventually become Campus District Inc (CDI).</td>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>The Juvenile Court Building is remodeled, destroying its historic architecture.</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>The Juvenile Court Building is closed. CDI takes control and begins working on plans to repurpose the building.</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>MidTown Cleveland Community Development Corporation sues ODOT to keep an exit ramp to Carnegie Avenue, resulting in the bridge deck structure to avoid impacting the Juvenile Court Building. Our proposal still accomplishes the desired result of this lawsuit.</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>CDI returns control of the building to Cuyahoga County after conducting multiple studies and issuing RFPs for repurposing. The organization concludes that the building cannot be repurposed.</td>
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<td>2016-2017</td>
<td>The building becomes a neighborhood nuisance and quickly becomes a location for crime and vandalism. Illegal scrappers begin stripping the building of all of its precious materials. All efforts to redevelop the building fail; developers conclude it cannot be economically viable.</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>CDI votes to request Cuyahoga County knock the building down.</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>The building is set on fire by arsonists during the July 4th Holiday.</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>Cuyahoga County announces it will asbestos abate the building for the site to be brought to market. This will be completed in August 2022.</td>
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<td>March 2022</td>
<td>The City Planning Commission rejects ODOT’s plan for the redevelopment of the Innerbelt and requests more be done to rectify the damage it caused to the neighborhood.</td>
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<td>March 2022</td>
<td>Cuyahoga County issues an RFP to take control of the Juvenile Court Building, now due June 15th.</td>
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<td>April 2022</td>
<td>CDI &amp; the City of Cleveland convene neighborhood stakeholders. All agree that demolishing the building and reconfiguring the exit ramp would benefit the neighborhood.</td>
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WHY NOW?

ODOT has been planning the redevelopment of the Cleveland Innerbelt trench for years, but the previous mayoral administration did not actively participate in its planning and long-term maintenance strategy, resulting in the design that was brought before the city’s Planning Commission. With a new administration and a new Planning Commission, ODOT’s original plan was initially rejected, and the design was brought into question. Simultaneously, Cuyahoga County began remediating the asbestos from the former Juvenile Court Building located at East 22nd Street and Cedar Avenue and has issued an RFP for its sale.

The stakeholders of Campus District, including neighborhood residents, have agreed that demolishing the former Juvenile Court Building will enable a broader planning discussion that will result in a more unified neighborhood and provide more opportunities for development in the near eastside neighborhoods.

By demolishing the former Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Building, all stakeholders would benefit:

- The State of Ohio could save up to $15 Million by not having to build a bridge deck over the Innerbelt to support Cedar Avenue.

- The neighborhood could remove a historical reminder of Redlining that built the Innerbelt Highway System, cutting off the African-American communities, Asian communities, and other ethnic and immigrant minorities from the central business district.

- Anchor Institutions within the Campus District neighborhood would have flexibility in ways to further integrate their campuses. Currently, master planning is being conducted by Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority, and the Sisters of Charity Health System and its sponsored organizations. This site is the ‘bullseye’ in bringing all of those efforts together and linking the neighborhood back together.

- The savings of the $15 Million from not building the bridge deck could be invested into making the East 22nd Street Bridge wider, resulting in a ‘park-like’ cap over the freeway, providing a long-term infrastructure linkage between the severed neighborhoods.

- This project can serve as a template for relinking Cleveland’s Eastside neighborhoods back into downtown. What starts at East 22nd can be replicated at Euclid Avenue, Payne Avenue, and Superior Avenue.

URGENCY IS NEEDED

The Innerbelt CCGA3A project is currently scheduled to be bid for design and construction next year. For ODOT’s project to stay on track, the plan to remove the former building must come together in the next 9 months.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT ODOT DESIGN

Below is the proposed design that ODOT is considering. The exit ramp to East 22nd Street must go over I-90 in order to avoid the former Juvenile Court Building. This design forces ODOT to build a $15 Million floor support structure to keep the roadway above the freeway.

This design also prevents the neighborhood from being reconnected to the central business district.
This illustration shows what the deck over I-90 would look like. Its entire purpose is to support Cedar Avenue, but the beam supports must be placed in the middle of the freeway in order to provide proper clearance to the traffic below. The bridge would then be decked to reduce some maintenance costs. However, the deck will have to be maintained throughout its life.
CITY OF CLEVELAND PLANNING DEPARTMENT PROPOSED DESIGN

Staff at the City of Cleveland designed the following DRAFT design for discussion with the neighborhood. It removes the Juvenile Court Building and creates a better greenspace connection for the two sides of the neighborhood. ODOT no longer has to build the deck to hold the roadway above I-90, and as a result the State of Ohio saves millions of dollars.

TOTAL INVESTMENT

Campus District, through its membership, will identify the $2 million necessary to demolish the building. The cost savings to ODOT by no longer having to build the deck over I-90 can also be reinvested back into further unifying the site.

FUTURE OCCUPANCY

When the former juvenile court building is demolished, it will be land banked so that it can be part of a broader community discussion. While we view the cap over the highway as the vital link and urgent for the project to succeed, other areas of the site can be considered for development sites in addition to greenspace. A comprehensive development plan will be created with input from residents and all stakeholders as to what the best use of the site can be.
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Campus District will develop a long-term maintenance and management plan for the site during its redevelopment. We will engage with our anchor institutions and regional governmental partners to create a plan that ensures the site is sustainable and a model for future redevelopments as the Innerbelt is reconstructed towards the lake. Just from our initial outreach over the past few months, there is broad community support for this effort. It will be hard work, but the region’s collective will and the support from the new administration at the City of Cleveland ensure this project is very possible.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

During the demolition process of the building, we will work to see what possible sustainable and green practices can be put into place during the building’s deconstruction. We also understand that individuals and groups throughout Northeast Ohio may be upset by the removal of what some perceive as the loss of another historic landmark. Campus District and all of the project partners do not take this lightly, as we view ourselves as historic preservationists, and our redevelopment strategies have always stressed adaptive reuse of our structures. But after years of repurposing efforts and outreach, we have collectively come to the same conclusion:

- While many of us look at the building from the outside and think, “What an amazing piece of architecture,” the community that surrounds it views it as a symbol of generations of disinvestment and systemic racism. Its decade-long decay has exacerbated that feeling, and now there is a unique opportunity to fix a bigger issue.

- The Innerbelt Redevelopment Project and the upcoming Cedar Estate Redevelopment Project offer a unique opportunity to begin relinking the Eastside back into downtown.

- The future use of the site could incorporate elements of the juvenile court building into explaining the history of the construction of I-90 and the bifurcation of downtown. We would work with community members to identify unique elements of the building to honor its beauty as architecture and stonework while acknowledging what it represents to the community that neighbors it.
TERMS & CONDITIONS

RFP COMPLIANCE

Campus District intends to work with the county as a direct stakeholder to enter into an agreement with the community to demolish the former juvenile court building and have it land banked for an inclusive community dialogue that will build the freeway cap and potential development sites. Parts of our proposal may not strictly follow the RFP, but our intention is to work in good faith to present a possible generational change for the Central Neighborhood and Downtown.
MISCELLANEOUS

REFERENCE
Campus District has not purchased property from any public entities over the last ten years.

CONTRACT TERMINATION
Campus District has not had a contract terminated for non-performance or poor performance in the last five years.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST
Campus District as an organization, nor its employees or board members, has a conflict of interest or will benefit personally from our proposal.
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT
RQ8945

Mark Lammon being first duly sworn,
deposes and says that he/she is Executive Director
(sole owner, partner, president, etc.)
of Campus District, Inc.
(company/agency, etc.)

making the forgoing proposal or bid; that such bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that said bidder has not colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any bidder or person to put in a sham bid or that such other person shall refrain from bidding and has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion, or communication or conference, with any person, to fix the bid price or affidavit or any other bidder or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of said bid price or for that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the County of Cuyahoga or any other persons interested in the proposed contract; and that all statements contained in said proposal or bid are true; and further that such bidder has not, directly or indirectly submitted this bid; or contents thereof, or divulged information relative thereto to any association or to any member or agent thereof.

Mark Lammon

AFFIANT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of June, 2022, in Lakewood (City/Village/Township), County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio.

THERAL PRIEBE, NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

My commission expires:

9/15/2024

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Dear Director Lockett:

I write in strong support for Campus District’s collaborative proposed plans to demolish the juvenile courts facility and allow for a community driven process to determine best uses for the property. The Campus District represents the neighborhood’s anchor institutions—Cuyahoga Community College’s Metro Campus, Cleveland State University, and St. Vincent Charity Medical Center/Sisters of Charity Health System—as well as Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and an array of businesses, nonprofits, and other community stakeholders, who share a common vision for making this area a neighborhood of choice for those who live, work, and learn here.

The blighted juvenile court site has been standing as a stark reminder for years of the Central Neighborhood’s history of redlining and disinvestment, and has been standing in the way of the neighborhood’s deeper connection to the rest of Cleveland. For almost a decade, anchor institutions and residents have been in consensus that this site has strong potential to serve as a catalyst for revitalization and connection for the neighborhood—but only if the community residents and anchor institutions can co-create best uses for the property. The current building hinders the ability to use this site to its full potential for realizing community-identified needs. Demolition of the building will allow for a true activation of the site by enabling a full cap for innerbelt transformation and connection to downtown, and will free up much needed property to use for community-identified needs such as parks and green space.

There are several significant transformation efforts underway or anticipated in the neighborhood which also complement this vision for the site, such as the St. Vincent Charity Health Campus initiative led by Sisters of Charity, expansion and master planning by the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, and master planning by Cleveland State University. The collaboration and community
engagement that has been conducted as part of these processes has emphasized the need for a community co-created process to reimagine the site and bring more green space to the neighborhood.

It is in the best interest of the Central Neighborhood that we work collaboratively to strengthen and revitalize our neighborhood. The plans developed by Campus District open the door to move forward from a history of redlining and bifurcation to a shared community vision of what is possible.

I sincerely encourage you to consider the plans and proposal presented by the Campus District. I am confident that the plans will help in revitalizing and continuing to reposition the Central Neighborhood as a place of health, connection, and hope.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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As a lifelong resident and community advocate of the Central neighborhood, I feel the removal of the juvenile center is long overdue. The juvenile center in my option is wasting space, and a constant reminder of the negative nature of its existence. The community is changing for the better the removal of the structure would only aid into creating a more positive impact for future and existing resident.
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[Signature]
June 14, 2022

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Cuyahoga County
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Our business, Brothers Printing Co. has been in our current location, 2000 Euclid Ave., in the heart of The Campus District, since 1974. We have proudly served on the Board of the Campus District, as well as proudly serving our neighborhood, neighbors and the overall City of Cleveland businesses. We have seen a tremendous transformation in the District to a significant “eds and meds” area. Investment by the major institutions and the private sector has been impressive. Unfortunately we have a major dangerous eyesore in our midst, the former Juvenile Court complex. Like others, I believe wholeheartedly this structure should be torn down. Please help accomplish this major objective and allow our community to continue to thrive.

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Sincerely,

David Kaufman
Co-Owner
Brothers Printing
June 14, 2022

Mark Lammon
Campus District
Cleveland, OH 44115

Dear Mark:

On behalf of the board and staff of Burten Bell Carr Development, Inc. (BBC), I’m writing to express our support of Campus District’s proposal to demolish the former Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center.

Burten, Bell, Carr Development, (BBC) BBC is a non-profit community development corporation that serves the Cleveland neighborhoods of Buckeye, Central, and Kinsman. We seek to empower residents and revitalize blighted and underserved communities in these neighborhoods through community planning, real estate development, and empowerment services.

As the neighborhood surrounding the site is shared with our CDC and Campus District, Inc. we agree with your assessment that enhancing the I-90 overpass at E. 22nd St will improve connectivity between the campuses and institutions of the Campus District and the surrounding residents at Cedar Estates, Skyline Towers, and other housing. We appreciate the due diligence of County Government to solicit proposals for re-use of the former Detention Center. However, we agree that since there are no viable re-development opportunities, the old site can be demolished and make way for new opportunities for connection and growth.

If you have any questions about our support, or need further information, please contact me at 216-755-4463 or via e-mail at jjohnson@bbcdevelopment.org.

Yours, for a brighter community

Joy Johnson
Executive Director
June 14, 2022

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CAHC is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) Federally Qualified Health Center. Last year, Care Alliance was able to serve close to 12,000 people in the Cleveland community. Almost 90% of the people we served falling at or below 100% below the federal poverty line. Providing comprehensive primary care, pediatrics, prenatal and women’s health, dentistry and behavioral health and related services, Care Alliance has been serving the Cleveland community for over 35 years. The Central Neighborhood is in desperate need of revitalization and a project that exemplify growth and prosperity for the area.

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Sincerely,

Claude L. Jones DO, MPH, MSc. Law
Chief Executive Officer and President
Chief Medical Officer
June 11, 2022

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Chad Jones
Director, Rental Operations
Cleveland Bricks
June 13, 2022

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In the summer of 2023, CHN will be opening Scholar House in the Central neighborhood, a 40-unit affordable housing project for student parents. Many residents will be students at Cleveland State University, and all will utilize amenities within and around the neighborhood. Proposed transformations for this site will hugely benefit our residents’ lives, as critical resources will be much more accessible to them and their families.

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Sincerely,

Kevin J. Nowak, Executive Director

CHN Housing Partners
June 13, 2022

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Office of Procurement & Diversity
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Tania Menesse
June 15, 2022

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Office of Procurement & Diversity  
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Felton Thomas Jr.  
Executive Director & CEO  
Cleveland Public Library
June 14, 2022

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Director  
Office of Procurement & Diversity  
Cuyahoga County  
2079 East 9th Street, Room 2-200  
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As the councilman of Ward 5, residents have expressed their concerns about how the county Juvenile courts facility has become a nuisance, preventing developers and businesses from
investing in development from 30th-E. 22nd. I support demolishing of Juvenile courts facility while requesting that I be included in all land-use development opportunities.

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June 14, 2022
Ms. Lenora M. Lockett, Director
Cuyahoga County Office of Procurement & Diversity
2079 East 9th Street, Room 2-200
Cleveland, OH 44115

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The clearing of the vacant property is an opportunity not only for our Central Neighborhood, but for our entire Cleveland community to attract community centered projects for the next several generations. It is in the best interest of our community, that we work collaboratively to strengthen and revitalize our neighborhood. The plans developed by Campus District open the
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Thank you for your time and if you have any questions or concerns regarding my support of the project, please feel free to reach out to me at (216) 664-2908 or showse@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Stephanie Howse
June 10, 2022

Ms. Lenora M. Lockett
Director
Office of Procurement & Diversity
Cuyahoga County
2079 East 9th Street, Room 2-200
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Jeffery K. Patterson
Chief Executive Officer
June 13, 2022

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Director
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Dear Director Lockett:

I write in strong support for Campus District’s collaborative proposed plans to demolish the juvenile courts facility and allow for a community driven process to determine best uses for the property. Capturing community voices and input is critical to ensuring an inclusive engagement process for decision making that impacts the lives of residents and community partners. The Campus District represents some of the most important institutions —Cuyahoga Community College’s Metro Campus, Cleveland State University, and St. Vincent Charity Medical Center/Sisters of Charity Health System—as well as Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and an array of businesses, nonprofits, and other community stakeholders, who share a common vision for making this area a neighborhood of choice for those who live, work, and learn here. I have lived in Central for over 30 years and recognize that many neighborhood decisions are made by people who live outside of the community. Therefore, this common vision which has been developed by a long list of grassroots neighborhood resident leaders, volunteers, and community partners is paramount to the neighborhood’s success.

The blighted juvenile court site has been standing as a stark reminder for years of the Central Neighborhood’s history of redlining and disinvestment, and has been standing in the way of the neighborhood’s deeper connection to the rest of Cleveland. This deeper connection is something that the Central Promise Neighborhood collective impact initiative has been cultivating for many years. Thus, the relationships built through our efforts are valuable to the creation of a vibrant, thriving community. As a neighborhood resident and stakeholder, I want to be included in the planning and decision-making regarding the future of the site of the Juvenile Detention Center.

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Thank you,

Dawn Glasco
Central Resident
Manager of Engagement and Social Innovation
Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood
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I believe that it would be great to have an evening youth mentoring center of some sort. Just a place where youth can go if they need someone to talk to, a safe space to get out of the house, or a place where they can calm down. We spend a lot of time saying that we have to have a certain set of people with criteria to oversee a certain project.
It is in the best interest of the Central Neighborhood that we work collaboratively to strengthen and revitalize our neighborhood. The plans developed by Campus District open the door to move forward from a history of redlining and bifurcation to a shared community vision of what is possible.

I sincerely encourage you to consider the plans and proposal presented by the Campus District. I am confident that the plans will help in revitalizing and continuing to reposition the Central Neighborhood as a place of health, connection, and hope.

Sincerely,

Demetrius Carter
June 13, 2022

Ms. Lenora M. Lockett
Director, Office of Procurement & Diversity
Cuyahoga County
2079 East 9th Street, Room 2-200
Cleveland, OH 44115

Dear Director Lockett:

On behalf of Destination Cleveland, our region’s destination marketing and management organization, please accept this letter in support of Campus District’s collaborative plan to demolish the now closed Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court facility and allow for a community driven process to determine best uses for the property.

Destination Cleveland’s mission is to drive economic impact and stimulate community vitality for Cleveland through memorable leisure, convention, and business travel experiences. Our research has identified significant opportunities to better connect our investments to ensure visitors and locals can seamlessly experience all of Cleveland’s world-class destination assets. Reimaging and better utilizing our city spaces is critical in these efforts and investment in infrastructure and connectivity is key as we continue efforts to make Cleveland a destination city for visitors, talent & investment. Demolition of the building will allow for a true activation of the site by enabling a full cap for innerbelt transformation and connection to Downtown, freeing up much needed property for community-identified needs such as parks and green space.

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The blighted juvenile court site stands as a stark reminder of Cleveland’s Central neighborhood history of redlining and disinvestment. It is a barrier in for the neighborhood to deeper connection with Cleveland. The current building hinders the ability to use this site to realize community-identified needs.

There are several significant transformation efforts underway or anticipated in the neighborhood, which also complement this vision for the site. The collaboration and community engagement that has been conducted as part of these processes has emphasized the need for a community co-created process to reimagine the site and bring more green space to the neighborhood.

We must work collaboratively to strengthen and revitalize our neighborhoods. The plans developed by Campus District open the door to move forward from a history of redlining and bifurcation to a shared community vision for what is possible.

Destination Cleveland offers its full support of the plans and proposal presented by the Campus District. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

David Gilbert
President & CEO
Destination Cleveland
June 10, 2022

Ms. Lenora M. Lockett
Director
Office of Procurement & Diversity
Cuyahoga County
2079 East 9th Street, Room 2-200
Cleveland, OH 44115

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Demolition of the building will allow for a true activation of the site by enabling a full cap for the Innerbelt transformation and connection to downtown, and will free up much needed property to use for community-identified needs such as parks and green space. Removing the building, a symbol of incarceration directly located next to public housing, would signal a new day for residents in the neighborhood.

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We have the opportunity to reimagine the narrative for the Central neighborhood so that a child can grow up in public housing with access to green space, a new connection to the central business district, new trail connections to the east side Metroparks Slavic Village Connector, a new recreation center, market-rate, affordable or wraparound services to further their higher education.

I consider this an opportunity to heal the wounds caused by urban renewal and other planning practices that have perpetuated racial inequity. It is in the best interest of the Central Neighborhood that we work collaboratively to strengthen and revitalize our neighborhood. The plans developed by Campus District open the door to move forward from a history of redlining and bifurcation to a shared community vision of what is possible.

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Sincerely,

Director Joyce Pan Huang
Cleveland Planning Commission
June 13, 2022

Ms. Lenora M. Lockett
Director
Office of Procurement & Diversity
Cuyahoga County
2079 East 9th Street, Room 2-200
Cleveland, OH 44115

Dear Director Lockett:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of Downtown Cleveland Alliance (DCA) in strong support for Campus District Inc’s (CDI) proposed plans to demolish the juvenile courts facility and allow for a community driven process to determine best uses for the property. DCA partners with CDI and shares their vision for making this area a neighborhood of choice for those who live, work, and learn here.

The juvenile court site has been blighted for years. As a result of the highway severing the Central neighborhood and years of redlining, the structures hold no context for viable redevelopment. Demolition of the building will allow for a true activation of the site by enabling a full cap for innerbelt transformation and connection to downtown and will free up much needed property to use for community-identified needs such as parks and green space.

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DCA encourages you to consider the plans and proposal presented by the Campus District.

Sincerely,

Michael Deemer
President and CEO
June 9, 2022

Ms. Lenora M. Lockett
Director
Office of Procurement & Diversity
Cuyahoga County
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Friendly Inn Settlement’s 148-year history of service to the Central Neighborhood has been unprecedented in Cuyahoga County. Our mission is to improve the quality of life by cultivating, planting, and nurturing individuals, families, and communities to participate in the world economy and support these efforts.

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Yolanda Y. Armstrong, MSSA, LSW
President & CEO
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Antonin Robert
Principal, President of Community Development
GBX Group, LLC
Chairman
Superior Arts Improvement District Corporation
June 14, 2022

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At Global Cleveland, we are dedicated to making our region the most welcoming place in the nation and achieve our goals through collaborations with partners who share our vision. Helping to dismantle the Central Neighborhood’s history of redlining and disinvestment aligns with our
mission to create a more prosperous and inclusive community and will allow our region to grow and thrive.

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Sincerely,

Joe Cimperman
President
June 13, 2022

Ms. Lenora M. Lockett
Director
Office of Procurement & Diversity
Cuyahoga County
2079 East 9th Street, Room 2-200
Cleveland, OH 44115

Dear Director Lockett:

I am writing you on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) to provide our strong support for Campus District’s collaborative proposed plans to demolish the juvenile courts facility and allow for a community driven process to determine best uses for the property.

GCP is the region’s leading economic development organization and the largest metropolitan chamber of commerce in the nation with more than 12,000 members. Guided by a board of corporate and entrepreneurial CEOs, the organization focuses on strategic priorities for the Greater Cleveland region which include advancing inclusive opportunity for residents and supporting efforts to cultivate thriving core neighborhoods, including the Central Neighborhood and surrounding community.

The blighted juvenile court site has remained for years as a stark reminder of the Central Neighborhood’s history of redlining and disinvestment and continues to stand in the way of the neighborhood’s deeper connection to downtown. For almost a decade, anchor institutions and residents have been in consensus that this site has strong potential to serve as a catalyst for revitalization and connection for the neighborhood—but only if the community residents and anchor institutions can co-create best uses for the property.

Despite significant efforts to identify and advance a productive reuse for the building, the current structure is unable to support a viable redevelopment opportunity. Moreover, the presence of the building hinders the site’s full potential for realizing community-identified needs. Demolition of the building will allow for a true activation of the site by enabling a full cap for innerbelt transformation and connection to downtown and will free up much needed property to use for community-identified needs such as parks and green space.

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Baiju Shah
President and Chief Executive Officer
Greater Cleveland Partnership
June 13, 2022
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Office of Procurement & Diversity
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As a Social Practice Artist and producer my aim is to affect our community and environment in a real (rather than symbolic) way; specifically with hopes of enabling social and political change. The revitalizing of this space should be tailored to the community and environment in which it will take place. The identification and needs of the Central residents should precede the project's development. It is impossible to create something new and different without first making assumptions as to who will be involved. No More Business As Usual!

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Humbly Submitted

Gwendolyn Garth, Central Resident,
Social Practice Artist, Activist
Founding Owner of Kings & Queens of Art
June 13, 2022

Ms. Lenora M. Lockett
Director
Office of Procurement & Diversity
Cuyahoga County
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Re: Campus District Plan

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Joseph’s Home has a mission of helping medically-fragile adults experiencing homelessness stabilize their health, obtain housing and rebuild their lives. Often, when people come to us, they have not only physical wounds but often deeper, traumatic scars from the suffering of homelessness. Nature—whether parks, greenspace or gardens—can be healing. Providing additional greenspace in the Central neighborhood could directly benefit not only those we serve but many others in the community in need of healing and health.

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Sincerely,

Beth Graham
Executive Director
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Latia Taylor
Central Promise Ambassador
216-370-1347
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Charmaine Jordan-Payton

President, Men & Women of Central
June 10, 2022

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Thursday June 9, 2022

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Sincerely,

Lucas Reeve
Interim Executive Director, Old Brooklyn CDC
June 13, 2022

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The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland has been a trusted partner in the neighborhood since its inception and works closely with community residents through the Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood initiative. We also have been a lead partner with other Sisters of Charity ministries in a year-long visioning process to understand how we can use our properties to improve community health and wellbeing through the St. Vincent Charity Health Campus initiative. Our thorough, ongoing community engagement continues to emphasize the strong desire from community residents and residents of Greater Cleveland to have more co-creation, more green space, and more safe places to gather and access food, employment, and cultural resources. For almost a decade we have heard from residents that they want the juvenile court building to be removed to make way for a better future. We strongly believe that enabling authentic voice is critical, and the demolition of the juvenile court building is the only way to truly respect and empower authentic community voice on the best use of this site.

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Susanna H. Krey
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Adnan Tahir, M.D.
President & CEO
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Tamika Billips
Central Community Resident
June 13, 2022

Dear Governor DeWine,

On behalf of the Vestry of Trinity Cathedral Episcopal Church, I write in enthusiastic support of the plan offered by Cleveland’s Campus District to create a cohesive and connecting greenspace where the old Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court now stands.

Our cathedral sits just a few blocks away from the site, and the proposed change would be transformative for the neighborhood and for our congregation, which includes those who live in the city of Cleveland and those who live in the suburbs. We know that the renovation of the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Building is simply not financially feasible, yet its demolition would create a vital connection point between healthcare, residential, education and quality-of-life assets (including our cathedral). It would, in short, provide a sense of dignity for residents and vitality for the neighborhood, all while saving ODOT millions of dollars by replacing a cost-prohibitive proposal to build and maintain a new deck over I-90.

I am grateful to lend my voice to those friends and colleagues who lead organizations of all kinds in the Campus District, and to support Campus District’s Executive Director Mark Lammon in his efforts to create something needed and new where a decaying and nonviable building now stands.

With thanks,

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

Dean, Trinity Cathedral Episcopal Church