

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2015-0038

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Conwell</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> supporting the application of The Chesler Group, Inc. to Ohio Development Services Agency for Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits for restoration of Stager-Beckwith Mansion, located at 3813 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, each year the State of Ohio through the Ohio Development Services Agency allocates Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits to encourage private investment in historically significant buildings throughout Ohio using a competitive proposal process; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council has recognized the need to maintain historic buildings Cuyahoga County, and desires to have the Stager-Beckwith Mansion, a prominent, historic, architecturally significant landmark, restored by The Chesler Group, Inc. who specializes in historic restoration; and

WHEREAS, located along Cleveland's historic "Euclid Avenue Millionaire's Row," the Stager-Beckwith Mansion at 3813 Euclid Avenue is one of the few remaining grand Row mansions that are still standing today; and

WHEREAS, after completion of the originally 10,000 square foot masonry residence in 1868, Euclid Avenue became internationally known for its wealthy residents and unparalleled architecture, and the early yet significant example of Second French Empire and Italianate style mansion, sold in 1913 to Cleveland's prominent University Club that expanded its footprint to 66,000 square feet; became an important focus of Cleveland's social life and greatly contributed to Euclid Avenue's prestigious status and reputation; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Stager-Beckwith Mansion became one of the first buildings in Cleveland to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, highlighting its importance as a major contributor to the history and character of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the building has been vacant since 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Chesler Group, Inc. now plans to perform a complete historic restoration of the interior and exterior of the Stager-Beckwith Mansion in compliance

with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings to be used for the Cleveland Children's Museum and office space; and

WHEREAS, restoration of this highly significant structure will ensure the Mansion's continued existence as one of the greatest, and last, architectural testaments to this period of Cleveland's history; and

WHEREAS, the completion of this project will set a strong example of the continued importance of the revitalization of Cuyahoga County's neighborhoods, will positively stimulate the local economy with skilled construction jobs and local investment, and preserve a local landmark that has received broad-based support from the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Council supports The Chesler Group, Inc.'s proposal for restoring the Stager-Beckwith Mansion as a high priority initiative for future development in the community for the benefit of the citizens of Cuyahoga County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That Cuyahoga County Council hereby declares its support for the application of The Chesler Group, Inc. to the Ohio Development Services Agency for Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits for the restoration of the Stager-Beckwith Mansion located at 3813 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

**SECTION 2.** That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Michael Chesler, President, The Chesler Group, Inc.

**SECTION 3.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Miller, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Hairston, Simon and Greenspan

Nays: None

Recusals: Brady

*Dan Buckley*  
County Council President

3/10/2015  
Date

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County Executive

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Date

*James M. Schmitz*  
Clerk of Council

3/10/2015  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: February 24, 2015

Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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[Clerk's Note: Legislation effective as of March 19, 2015, in accordance with Cuyahoga County Charter, Section 3.10(6).]