

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2015-0123

<p>Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Simon</b></p> <p>Co-sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Miller</b></p>	<p><b>A Resolution</b> supporting the Cleveland 2030 District and its efforts to significantly reduce the energy consumption of new and existing buildings in the Downtown Building District and throughout Greater Cleveland; supporting the Better Buildings Challenge and its voluntary leadership initiative that asks local leaders to make a public commitment to energy efficiency; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County supports the Cleveland 2030 District and the Better Buildings Challenge; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland 2030 District endeavors to significantly reduce the energy consumption of new and existing buildings in the Downtown Building District and throughout Greater Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland 2030 District was formed by professionals who connected at the Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Summit and their work is aligned with the vision of building an economic engine to empower a green city on a blue lake; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland 2030 District was established to create a coalition of building owners, service professionals and community stakeholders working together to rapidly transform the built environment of the city through large-scale reductions in the energy use, water use, and greenhouse gas emissions of buildings as well as reductions in CO<sup>2</sup> emissions from commuter transportation; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of Cuyahoga County and the Cleveland 2030 District to create high-performance building districts throughout Greater Cleveland for the purpose of dramatically reducing the environmental impacts of building construction and operations while increasing the region's competitiveness in the business environment and building owners' return on investment; and

WHEREAS, the development of realistic, measurable, and innovative strategies is crucial to assisting property owners, managers, and tenants in meeting aggressive goals that reduce environmental impacts of facility construction and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland 2030 District should serve as an example of a private sector driven effort that maximizes profitability and prosperity for all involved; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland 2030 District lays out specific goals for reductions in energy consumption, water consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions in new and existing buildings; and

WHEREAS, through the United States Department of Energy, the Better Buildings Challenge supports building owners by providing technical assistance and proven solutions to energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Better Buildings Challenge is a voluntary leadership initiative that asks local leaders to make a public commitment to energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, through the Better Buildings Challenge, the U.S. Department of Energy highlights leaders that have committed to upgrading buildings across their portfolio, and to providing their energy savings data and strategies as models for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change represent one of the most dangerous threats to humanity, and that local governments are on the front lines of addressing these issues

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

**SECTION 1.** That Cuyahoga County is in support of joining a coalition of building owners, service professionals, and community stakeholders working together to rapidly transform the built environment of Cleveland through large scale reductions in the energy use, water use and greenhouse gas emissions of buildings as well as reductions in emissions from commuter transportation.

**SECTION 2.** That Cuyahoga County agrees to support the District performance goals, with work to accomplish such goals coordinated by the Cuyahoga County Department of Sustainability, through the following actions:

- 1) Sharing with the Cleveland 2030 District Leadership Committee: Building energy use, water use, and Transportation Management Plan (TMP) data; Best practices and lessons learned for case studies; and Challenges in further improvements.
- 2) Participation in the following programs: ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager; U.S. Green Building Council's Building Performance Partnership; and use of the Cleveland 2030 District/BOMA CCI Assessment tools.

- 3) Support for the Cleveland 2030 District Committee by participating in District decision-making, evaluating membership criteria for property owners and stakeholders, and mentoring.

**SECTION 3.** That Cuyahoga County urges large building owners and other key stakeholders in downtown Cleveland to join the Cleveland 2030 District.

**SECTION 4.** That Cuyahoga County supports the Better Buildings Challenge and commits to:

- 1) Publicly pledge a portfolio-wide energy savings goal and develop an organization-wide plan, schedule and milestones.
- 2) Announce and initiate energy saving projects within 9 months.
- 3) Share energy consumption data to measure progress against the goal, and share information about the energy efficiency implementation tools, technologies, and processes.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** 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. Simon, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

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

Nays: None

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County Council Vice-President      Date

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County Executive      Date

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Clerk of Council      Date

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