

**A Resolution Thanking Columbus City Council
for Proposed Budget Amendments Regarding the City Historic Preservation Office,
and Encouraging the City Historic Preservation Office
and Department of Development
to Restore the Presence of Historic Preservation Office Staff
at Architectural Review Commission Meetings**

WHEREAS, the mission of the German Village Society is to act as "Caretakers of a Legacy" dedicated to retaining the character and distinction of the past while creating a thriving and contemporary community in German Village; and

WHEREAS, nearly fifty years ago the City of Columbus responded to the then newly created German Village Society by creating the German Village Historic District and the German Village Commission to preserve the historic character of German Village, and later the Historic Preservation Office to serve the City's multiple historic districts in their efforts to preserve, restore, and rehabilitate the historic structures and districts that make Columbus unique, and

WHEREAS, the German Village Society has established a supportive and reciprocal relationship with Columbus City Council and has strived to achieve a positive working relationship with the Department of Development regarding the historic preservation needs of German Village and Columbus residents, and

WHEREAS, the German Village Society values the professional and administrative support the City Historic Preservation Office has provided the German Village Commission, an architectural review body of seven volunteers appointed by the mayor who, as a public body is guided by the Columbus City Code and the German Village Guidelines, and

NOW THEREFORE, the German Village Society takes this opportunity to:

Thank Columbus City Council for restoring \$55,165.00 in the 2010 budget to be used for the Department of Development professional staffing needs in the Historic Preservation Office eliminated in the 2009 budget; and

Thank Columbus City Council for recognizing the importance of Historic Preservation Office staff for the value it provides to community redevelopment efforts and the City's ongoing efforts to revitalize its neighborhoods; and

Encourage the Department of Development, within which falls the Historic Preservation Office, to hire additional professional staff expeditiously so the Historic Preservation Office can better serve the City's historic districts and its residents by providing a timely and more accessible architectural review experience; and

Encourage the Department of Development and its Historic Preservation Office to provide staff for the architectural review commissions and for such staff to be present at the monthly commission meetings and conduct site visits so that residents and commissioners can be better served; and

Remind the Columbus City Council, Department of Development, and Historic Preservation Office that the German Village Society supports historic preservation staff efforts in each of the city's architectural review districts, encourages positive interaction between commissioners, staff, and applicants, and applauds those professionals determined to maintain Columbus' distinct structures and neighborhoods for future use, enjoyment, and education.

Resolved this 1st day of February, 2010.



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