

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PETITION**

You are being asked to execute a Petition to reauthorize Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. (the "District") and approve a Levy and Plan for Services (the "Plan") for the years 2012 through 2016, pursuant to Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code. The services to be provided are described and shown in the attached Exhibit.

Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District currently provides services that will terminate on December 31, 2011. Assessments levied on parcels to pay for these services will terminate on June 30, 2011. The attached Plan asks the City of Columbus to levy assessments beginning July 1, 2011 and to provide services beginning January 1, 2012 for a five-year period of time until June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Approval of the Plan is a one-petition process. This petition will result in a levy of assessments against properties in the District and may result in new boundaries.

At this time, the boundaries of the District under the Plan are unknown. The District's board of trustees will circulate a petition to property owners in a 50-square block area of downtown bounded generally by I-70 on the south, Neilston Street on the east, Ohio Center Way on the north, and Civic Center Drive on the west. Approval of the Plan requires the support of at least 60% of the property owners, based upon front footage along public rights-of-way.

When circulation of this petition has been concluded, each property owner who has executed the Petition will be advised of the actual boundaries of the District and the petition will be presented to the Mayor and City Council. You may withdraw your signature from the petition at any time prior to its presentation to the City.

After this petition is approved by the Mayor and City Council, you should expect the following:

1. If the boundaries change, members of the current District will be asked to amend the District's Articles of Incorporation to reflect the new boundaries.
2. All of the property owners in the District will be members of the non-profit corporation.
3. An assessment will be levied against all of the properties in the District. The assessments will be collected, beginning 2012, in the same manner as real estate taxes and forwarded to the non-profit corporation to pay the costs of providing the improvements and/or services set forth in the Plan. Thus, property owners in the District remain in control of the use of the assessment monies.

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PLAN FOR SERVICES TO BE  
PROVIDED BY CAPITAL CROSSROADS SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBUS, INC.**

To: Mayor of the City of Columbus  
Michael B. Coleman

and

Columbus City Council  
Andrew Ginther, President  
Hearcel Craig  
Zachary Klein  
Troy Miller  
Michelle Mills  
Eileen Paley  
Priscilla Tyson

The undersigned do hereby respectfully petition to reauthorize Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus (the "District") and to approve a levy and Plan for Services (the "Plan") pursuant to Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code. The boundaries of the District, services under the Plan, and area within which the Plan will be executed are described and shown in the attached Exhibit. Each of the undersigned is the owner, or the authorized signatory of the owner, of the property or properties set forth below, which comprise 60% or more of the front footage of property abutting upon the streets, alleys, public roads, places, boulevards, parkways, park entrances, easements and other public improvements situated in the District.

The undersigned acknowledge that the approval of this petition will permit:

- (1) the levy of an annual assessment of \$1,738,000 on properties within the District boundaries established in 2005, beginning July 1, 2011, and running five years through June 30, 2016;
- (2) total annual assessments that are proportionately greater or smaller than \$1,738,000 if the reauthorized District includes parcels other than those within the boundaries established in 2005;
- (3) the exercise of discretion by trustees of the District on how to allocate funds among the services set forth in the Plan;
- (4) That absent changes in boundaries established in 2005, the cost of the Plan to be \$2,028,000 per year, including contributions of \$190,000 from the City of Columbus and \$100,000 from the Central Ohio Transit Authority, and that these contributions by the City of Columbus and Central Ohio Transit Authority are necessary to deliver an adequate level of services on High Street;
- (5) the board of trustees for the District to have the option of terminating the SID Plan if the City of Columbus or COTA do not make an annual contribution of \$190,000 and \$100,000, respectively.

