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May 16, 2016

The Honorable Andrew J. Ginther  
Mayor, City of Columbus  
City Hall  
90 W. Broad St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mayor Ginther,

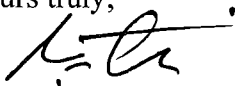
I have enjoyed the privilege of serving on the Downtown Commission since its inception and I have served as chairman for the past seven years. My term on the commission ends in June. I would be honored to serve another term.

As background, I am a real estate developer and investor with properties in the downtown area and have been actively involved in redeveloping and operating properties in the CBD since the late 1980's, including Chestnut Square, The Belmont Block and the Ballet Met facility. I have been a member of the Columbus Board of Realtors since 1972 and served as president of the board in 1995. I served on the committee that reviewed Columbus' overabundance of parking lots and later became the Downtown Commission.

Over the past decade the city has seen great advances in the downtown area. You have participated in much of this activity during your tenure on city council. The number of residential units has multiplied dramatically, new offices have been built and occupied, and numerous other projects, both public and private, have occurred. This steady pace continues. The look of our downtown over that of ten years ago is remarkable. We on the commission are aware of your interest, leadership and support in maintaining our vibrant downtown. The Downtown Commission has tried to take a proactive position toward downtown development, encouraging new projects of the highest quality in design and materials. The past decade has been an exciting time and we look forward to more to come.

I appreciate your consideration and I look forward to continuing the good, constructive work of the Commission.

Yours truly,



Stephen S. Wittmann

## RESUME

Stephen S. Wittmann

### Professional

#### Columbus Board of Realtors

Member Since 1971  
Governmental Affairs Committee, 1975-c.1990  
Chairman of Governmental Affairs Committee & Housing Code Subcommittee, 1980  
Strategic Long Range Planning Committee, 1989  
Teacher, CBR Commercial Leasing Course, 1987 and 1988  
Trustee, 1990-1992  
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, 1991  
Secretary- Treasurer, 1992  
Vice President, 1993  
President Elect, 1994  
President, 1995  
Trustee, Chairman of the Columbus Board of Realtors Foundation Committee, 1996

#### Ohio Association of Realtors

Trustee of Ohio Association of Realtors, 1981-1982  
Political Affairs Committee, 1981-1982  
Trustee, member of Legislative Steering Committee, 1991-1992  
Trustee, 1991-1996  
Executive Committee, 1996

#### Institute of Real Estate Management, Chapter 42

Governmental Affairs Committee, Columbus Chapter, 1984-1985  
Vice President- Membership Services, 1984-1985  
Treasurer, 1986  
Vice President, 1987  
President, Chapter 42, 1988

#### Developer / Investor, 1985 –

The Wittmann Company – Developer and investor with emphasis on adaptive reuse

Projects include:

1000 Kinnear Road, OSU Research Park  
Ballet Met Facility, 322 Mt. Vernon Avenue  
Chestnut Square, includes downtown Red Roof Inn  
1159, 1165, 1169 Dublin Road facilities for Levi Strauss & Company, Mt. Carmel  
Hospital and State Employees Credit Union  
Grandview Corporate Center, 1156 –1166 Dublin Road, former Dennison-Abex  
Belmont Block, currently under development; includes Belmont Casket facility and  
Adjacent properties abutting the Arena District

## Awards

Institute of Real Estate Management, Chapter 42 – Certified Property Manager of the Year, 1990  
Columbus Board of Realtors, Realtor Broker of the Year, 2001

## Community Activities

Task Force on Public-Private Housing Initiatives, City of Columbus, 1996-1997  
Downtown Office Task Force & Downtown Columbus Strategic Plan Committee, City of Columbus, 1988  
Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Zoning, City of Columbus, 1996-1997  
Task Force on Parking Incentives, City of Columbus, 1996  
Downtown Commission, City of Columbus, Commissioner, 1998 –, Chairman, 2009-  
Columbus Housing Partnership, Board of Trustees, 1997, Vice President, 2001, President, 2002-2004  
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Downtown Mobility Work Group, 1998-1999

## Civic, Social & Charitable Activities

Junior Council, Columbus Museum of Art, Board Member & President  
Athletic Club of Columbus  
Long-Range Planning Committee, 1989-1991  
Board of Directors, 1995-1998  
President, 2000  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Past member church council, various positions  
Board of Control  
Central Ohio Missions Association, 1990  
Ballet Metropolitan  
Board of Trustees, 1990- 1997  
Executive Committee, 1992, 1996-1997  
Ohio State University  
Committee for Columbus, OSU Campaign, 1989-1990  
Jefferson Township Land Conservation Association  
Trustee, President, 1999-