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Honorable Andrew Ginther
Mayor of the City of Columbus
Columbus City Hall
90 West Broad Street
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Re: Downtown Commission Reappointment

Dear Mayor Ginther:

Please accept this as my request for reappointment to the Columbus Downtown Commission. I firmly believe that Columbus' Downtown core is the life force of our city, and that its strength and vitality are imperative for economic growth and development.

I have invested both professionally and personally in this belief, having established my first architectural practice downtown in 1983. We were downtown until 2013 and we are currently in the process of reestablishing our studio in or near downtown.

Our firm actively pursues projects and contributes time and talent to revitalizing the downtown. We are in discussions with numerous developers for multifamily projects in the downtown core; we were architect of record for nearby Grandview Yard I; we competed with a hotel developer for the hotel at the Scioto Peninsula; we worked with Capital Crossroads to develop a strategic retail vision for Pearl Market; and we have done numerous studies to determine the feasibility of various projects and concepts in the Discovery District and at Whittier Peninsula. In addition, we are currently working with the YMCA to address the use and renovation of the 40 West Long Street building, and to relocate their Membership operations to the Columbus State campus.

Over the years, I have served on the City's Land Review Committee and the Chamber's Downtown Council and chaired their Downtown Merchants' Association. I also serve on the Downtown YMCA's Board of Directors and chair their Facilities Committee.

The attached resume outlines my professional qualifications.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Commission since its inception, and I would be honored to be considered to serve another term.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Lusk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Michael Lusk, AIA, NCARB
President



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Professional qualifications

Michael Lusk, AIA, NCARB, established Lusk Architects, Inc. in 1983 as a Columbus, OH based architectural, planning and consulting firm, specializing in commercial architecture. He has been a practicing architect for nearly 40 years and his experience includes a variety of project types.

As principal of LUSK Architecture, he makes a personal commitment to meeting client expectations. He and his team are involved in projects from early design concepts to design development and planning, architectural design, cost estimating, construction documentation, construction management, construction observation, programming and site selection.

Project Types

- Multi-family housing
- Office buildings
- Financial institutions
- Mixed-use developments and redevelopment
- Hotels and hospitality venues
- Renovation and adaptive-use
- Shopping centers
- Retail facilities
- Hospitals
- Medical buildings
- Athletic clubs and facilities
- Parking garages

Registrations

Registered Architect, AIA, NCARB

Ohio, Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Education

Bachelor of Science in Architecture
The Ohio State University

Michael Lusk, AIA, NCARB

Professional Organizations

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)
International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)

Community Affairs
& Affiliations

Columbus Downtown Zoning Commission (Mayoral appointee)
Columbus Downtown Development Committee
Columbus YMCA – Board of Directors, Central Branch