



## DesignGroup

July 12, 2004

Mark Barbash, Director  
Department of Trade & Development  
50 W. Gay Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Development Commission  
Alternate Position

Dear Mark:

Our great City faces significant growth challenges and opportunities. The moves we make today create the quality of life for future generations. Thoughtful decisions related to land use planning will assure that our legacy is a positive one. In light of these exciting times, I offer my continued service to the City of Columbus in the form of an alternate position on the Columbus Development Commission.

As you know, I served on the Commission for 11 years, many as Chair. My passion has kept me close to issues related to growth, development, and land planning. Helping to author the Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) code was especially gratifying. Advocating for initiatives in northwest Columbus, where I make my home, is ongoing. And working professionally as an Architect in many of our City's great neighborhoods, including downtown, is a mainstay in my firm. In fact, my leadership of the Urban Civic Practice Group at DesignGroup is an outgrowth of our commitment to build healthy communities in Central Ohio. Our impact on downtown Columbus speaks to our success. And my role as President-Elect of AIA Columbus keeps me in touch with other design professionals with valuable insights to add.

While I am sure that my time will only be needed sporadically, I commit my sincere efforts to supporting the role of the Commission.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

David A. Brehm, AIA  
Principal

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Enc. Resume

cc: (via e-mail): Elizabeth Clark, Planning Division

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**SUMMARY**

- A DesignGroup Principal and Director
- Leader of the Urban/Civic practice group, responsible for guiding clients on projects with complex urban challenges
- Vast community involvement, creating a network of relationships that have been leveraged into client and community service
- Expert strategist, particularly in complex, urban projects
- Focused on process definition and land planning, bringing particular value to center-city projects
- Service to corporate and public clients in office related projects has provided a keen understanding of the user, of the schedule, and of the budget
- Firm-wide leadership related to technology, professional development, and project management
- Eleven years on the Columbus Development Commission, six as Chair

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| <b>DesignGroup, Columbus, Ohio</b><br>Principal<br>Columbus, Ohio       | <b>1991– Present</b> |
| <b>Oktagon Architects</b><br>Vice President/Partner<br>Columbus, Ohio   | <b>1984 – 1991</b>   |
| <b>Nitschke Associates, Inc.</b><br>Project Architect<br>Columbus, Ohio | <b>1983 – 1984</b>   |

**EDUCATION**

**The Ohio State University**  
Bachelor of Science in Architecture, 1978

**REGISTRATION**

**Registered Architect**  
Ohio #8211, 1986

**AFFILIATIONS**

- American Institute of Architects, Columbus Chapter, President Elect
- 1,000 Friends of Central Ohio, Charter Member, Board of Directors
- Growing Smarter Speaker Series, Committee Chair
- Columbus Zoning Code Development, TND Code Task Force, 2000
- MORPC/ODNR Urban Forestry Task Force
- Columbus Development Commission, 1989-2000 Chair
- Leadership Columbus, Class of 1995
- Columbus Museum of Art, Keystone Campaign, Team Captain
- Columbus Landmarks Foundation, Member