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Honorable Michael B. Coleman Mayor of the City of Columbus Columbus City Hall 90 West Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Downtown Commission Reappointment

Dear Mayor Coleman:

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 are still working with the owners of 16 and 20 East Broad Street; 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.

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,

Michael Lusk, AIA, NCARB

President

### years of experience

42 years 32 years as architectural principal

### project types

Multi-family housing Retail facilities Shopping centers Office buildings Athletic clubs Parking facilities Hospitals Medical Buildings



#### education

Bachelor of Science in Architecture The Ohio State University

## 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
Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce
Dublin AM Rotary

