

MEMORANDUM

To: Columbus City Council 
From: Steven R. Schoeny, Development Director
Date: August 28, 2019
RE: 2019 Tax Incentive Review Council Recommendations

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Ensuring that the City of Columbus receives jobs and capital investment in exchange for economic development investment is fundamental to what we do. In 2018 the City of Columbus again exceeded the number of jobs projected to be created along with the payroll associated with those jobs that were committed to under our Enterprise Zone (EZ) and Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) programs.

Our statistics are based on sixty-seven (67) Enterprise Zone and Community Reinvestment Area Agreements active during 2018. The Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) evaluated the compliance status of these Agreements in sessions held August 21, 2019, and as of the end of 2018, these sixty-seven (67) projects have:

- Created 2,656 jobs (151% of goal);
- Created \$188 million in new annual payroll (143% of goal);
- Retained 7,908 jobs (145% of goal); and
- Invested over \$978 million in real property improvements (137% of goal).

The TIRC has recommended as a result of its review that:

- Sixty-two (62) Agreements recommended to Continue, and of those sixty-two (62):
 - Forty-six (46) with no need for staff follow-up beyond standard reporting;
 - Nine (9) recommended for staff follow-up (letters);
 - Two (2) recommended to Amend;
 - Two (2) recommended to Amend or Dissolve; and
 - Three (3) recommended for staff follow-up and if necessary then Dissolve.
- Five (5) Agreements have expired.

The detailed recommendations of the TIRC are attached.

The Development Department supports the recommendations of the TIRC and believes implementation will improve compliance for our portfolio of Agreements and will also preserve respect for the integrity of the City's tax incentive programs.

Please note that ORC Section 5709.85 (E) provides that within sixty days after receipt of the TIRC recommendations, City Council shall vote to accept, reject, or modify all or any portion of the recommendations.

Quinten Harris, Deputy Director of Jobs & Economic Development, and I, are available to respond to any questions you may have.

