

Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

In May 2010, Ohio voters approved a measure to allow the Penn National Gaming casino, designated for construction at the former Jaeger Manufacturing site on Nationwide Boulevard, to relocate to the former Delphi site at West Broad Street and Georgesville Road. Since that time, the City of Columbus, Department of Development has worked to establish a commitment to accommodate the casino, and associated development, with incentives designed to encourage subsequent annexation of the former Delphi site into Columbus.

As part of its commitment, the Columbus Department of Development encourages Columbus City Council to offer a resolution of support for Franklin County in its effort to apply for Clean Ohio grant funding to further incentivize clean up and redevelopment of the former Delphi site.

Round 10 Clean Ohio grant applications to the Ohio Department of Development are due January 14, 2011. This resolution is submitted as an emergency to meet the application deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no costs to the City of Columbus associated with resolving to support Franklin County's application for Clean Ohio grant funding.

To resolve to support Franklin County in its effort to obtain Round 10 Clean Ohio grant funding for the cleanup and redevelopment of the former Delphi site at West Broad Street and Georgesville Road; and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Columbus area contains brownfield properties which may qualify for Clean Ohio cleanup and redevelopment grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Department of Development has been involved with brownfield redevelopment since 1999 through its administration of the Columbus Brownfield Redevelopment Program and its associated task force; and

WHEREAS, Clean Ohio grant funding will greatly compliment the efforts of the City of Columbus in helping to clean up and redevelop brownfield properties in the Columbus area ; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Department of Development seeks the support of Columbus City Council, on behalf Franklin County, in this endeavor to apply for Round 10 Clean Ohio grant funding for the former Delphi site to demonstrate unity and commitment in cleaning and redeveloping brownfield sites in the Columbus area ; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of City Council in that it is immediately necessary to express its support for the application described herein in order to meet the application deadline, for the preservation of public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That Columbus City Council hereby supports Franklin County in its effort to obtain Round 10 Clean Ohio grant funding for the purpose of incentivizing the cleanup and redevelopment of the former Delphi site to accommodate

the Penn National Gaming casino.

Section 2. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after adoption if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.