

Legislation Text

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To Recognize the Work of Andrew J. Ginther as Council President on the City Council of Columbus.

WHEREAS, Ginther, a Columbus native and proud Columbus City Schools graduate, has a long history of community service. Prior to joining Columbus City Council, he was elected to the Columbus Board of Education in 2001 and reelected in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Andrew J. Ginther was unanimously elected City Council President on January 3, 2011. A member of Council since 2007, Ginther previously served as the chair of Finance & Economic Development, Public Safety and Public Utilities committees; and

WHEREAS. Since day one, Councilmember Ginther has worked to ensure that Columbus Police Officers and Firefighters have had the resources they need to protect Columbus families and businesses. As the Finance and Economic Development Committee chair, Ginther delivered on the promise made to voters to fight for every job, while working to reform government and reduce costs to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, His thoughtful and steady leadership on City Council has fostered economic and cultural growth throughout the city of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Council President, Andrew J. Ginther has been a champion for infant mortality reduction in Columbus, Ohio, forming the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task force with the plan to reduce infant mortality in Franklin County by 40 percent and cut the rate of racial disparity in infant deaths in half by 2020; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to philanthropy and equality led to his tenure with the Children's Hunger Alliance, an organization whose mission is to reduce food insecure by directly feeding children, increasing easy access to nutritious food and educating children about healthy food choices and physical activity; and

WHEREAS, Andrew J. Ginther will leave his role as Council President in January of 2016 to serve as the Mayor of Columbus, Ohio, a position he was elected to in November of 2015; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby declare that Council President Andrew J. Ginther be recognized, thanked and commended for his service to the City of Columbus over the years that he served as a member of Council and as Council President.