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To commemorate the work of Josh Cox, and to congratulate Josh on his retirement from the Columbus City Attorney Office

WHEREAS, Josh Cox began his career in the Columbus City Attorney's office in March 2000 under the auspices of former City Attorney Janet E. Jackson.

WHEREAS, Before becoming an attorney, Josh worked with the Ohio Governor's office, the City of New York, Office of the Inspector General, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. After being admitted to the Ohio bar in 1985, Josh mastered many roles. He served as Chief Counsel at the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and also spent several years providing representation for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Josh primarily focused on prisoners' civil rights litigation while simultaneously being assigned as the supervising attorney in the Ohio Attorney General's office for all litigation arising out of the 1993 riot at the Southern Ohio Correctional facility in Lucasville, Ohio.

WHEREAS, In 2009, Josh was promoted to Chief Counsel by former City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. Josh worked diligently to provide legal counsel to all city officials regarding a variety of issues surrounding city services, legislation, contracts, zoning and other vital matters related to the day-to-day operations of city government. In addition, Josh served an invaluable role in the legal review and practical implementation of numerous development projects that have helped foster the growth and progress of our community.

WHEREAS, Josh has helped countless attorneys and staff members in the City Attorney's office navigate the unique-and sometimes downright bizarre-legal issues that the City of Columbus has faced throughout the years. He often reminds the newer attorneys that even they can be a "LegiSTAR!" Josh's humble and low-key approach to all matters, big and small, coupled with his ever-present sense of humor, allowed for easy resolution of anything that was brought to him. He never missed the opportunity to use an on-target pun, or a reference to The Simpsons, to make his point, by which he could live out his favorite motto: "funny doesn't get old."

WHEREAS, On behalf of the citizens of Columbus, we commend Josh Cox for his commitment to public service throughout his professional career and honor the positive and indelible impact he made while working with elected officials, staff members, government agencies, academia, the business community, non-profit organizations, neighborhood groups, and the residents of our great city, now, therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby commemorate the work of Josh Cox, and to congratulate Josh on his retirement from the Columbus City Attorney Office