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November 1, 2023

Quality of Life Committee
Priority Development and Advocacy Committee
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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of County Commissioners Judy Dodge, Deborah Lieberman and Carolyn Rice, as well as County Administrator Michael Colbert, I am writing in support of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society's Fairgrounds and Event Center application. This application will support fencing of the entire Fairgrounds, as well as the completion of electrical infrastructure expansion.

The relocation of the Fairgrounds from S. Main Street to Arthur Fisher Park has been very successful. Improvements have been made to the grounds and facilities to enhance the experience for attendees of meetings, conferences, events and the County Fair. This project will provide funding for the next round of improvements and will continue to serve all residents of Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

Tawana S. Jones, Director
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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RE: Montgomery County Fairgrounds

Dear Dayton Development Coalition PDAC Members:

On Behalf of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) I would like to recommend support for the Montgomery County Agricultural Society in their endeavor to obtain a grant for capital improvements to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

MCSO has a vested interest in the security of the fairgrounds for several reasons. District 7-Road Patrol Headquarters is located adjacent to the East side of the fairgrounds. MCSO also provides policing services for Jefferson Township, where the Montgomery County Fairgrounds is located. Annually, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office provides emergency planning and security for the Montgomery County Fair to maintain a safe environment for community members visiting the fair. Throughout the year MCSO is involved in providing public safety services to other events that are held at the fairgrounds.

Our proximity and involvement in activities at the fairgrounds routinely involves security assessments of the fairgrounds and hosted events to assist in providing the safest experiences to visitors. The perimeter fencing has long been on the list of improvements suggested to enhance the security of the grounds. Additionally, an expanded electrical infrastructure improves safety by reducing the need to run generators continuously on the grounds to provide power, will help reduce reliability on long runs of temporary power cords, and allow for the infrastructure to support enhanced safety equipment on a more permanent basis such as camera coverage, public announcement (PA) coverage, and additional lighting.

As the Montgomery County Fairgrounds continues to host more events drawing larger crowds of people, these enhancements to the grounds will bolster public safety and assist the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in future emergency planning and security for these events.

Sincerely,

ROB STRECK

SHERIFF



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**Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Police Athletic & Activities League**

November 2, 2023

RE: Letter of Support for County Fairgrounds Improvement Projects – PDAC

Dear Dayton Development Coalition PDAC Members:

As President of the Montgomery County Police Athletic and Activities League (PAAL), and on behalf of our Board, I offer our support of the 2023-2024 PDAC application for the Montgomery County Agricultural Society (MCAS) located in Dayton, Ohio to make improvements to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

The PAAL program is a nonprofit youth development program founded in 1984. PAAL strives to reduce violence arrests, and inactivity for the youth of Montgomery County. Through prosocial programming and fostering positive relationships with law enforcement. PAAL provides the opportunity for our youth to view law enforcement in a positive way and to realize their potential as productive members of society.

PAAL is fully involved in the county fair and participates with a hands-on approach. We are hired each year by MCAS to manage the main gate admission sales. This is no small task which comes with many different areas of responsibility and concerns.

The PAAL Board fully supports the upgrades to the fairgrounds which consists of:

- Electrical Infrastructure Expansion
- Perimeter fencing around entire grounds.

We fully believe that these upgrades will cultivate success for further growth to be enjoyed by future generations. With your support, the Montgomery County Agricultural Society can impact our community even further.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Crabtree".

Shannon Crabtree
PAAL President

MCSO PAAL Board Members

Shannon Crabtree, President
Sheriff Rob Streck, Sergeant at Arms
Captain Mike Brem, Trustee

Chief Deputy Daryl Wilson, Vice President
Captain Greg Stephens, Trustee
Lori Page, Trustee

Major Matt Haines, Treasurer
Paula Rutherford, Trustee
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November 2, 2023

To: Dayton Development Coalition
Priority Development & Advocacy Committee – Economic Development Review Panel

Re: Letter of Support for MCAS (Montgomery County Agricultural Society) Fairgrounds Capital Improvements

Dear Leadership of the Dayton Development Coalition,

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of the Ohio State University Extension, Montgomery County 4-H for the planned Fairgrounds **Capital Improvement Projects totaling 450,000**. Our two organizations (MCAS and OSU Extension & 4-H) have worked collaboratively since 1960, supporting one another's projects, programs, and audiences.

OSU Extension Montgomery County 4-H supports MCAS efforts to secure funding for the following capital improvement upgrades:

- 1) Electrical Infrastructure Expansion
- 2) Perimeter Fencing

These improvements will benefit the agricultural and farm communities in our region, as well as provide economic development in an underserved area of our region and bring business to the West Dayton area. The year-round events and county fair generate significant business and revenue for the surrounding areas. The fairground facilities are used as an educational and recreational venue for the region. The improvements will enhance revenue sources and provide long-term financial sustainability for the MCAS.

In addition, the fairgrounds serve a key role in disaster preparedness as a staging area for Montgomery County and FEMA. These improvements will be available for the use of all first responders during emergency and disaster situations.

Please contact me for further information.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elizabeth J. Wingarter

Ohio State University Extension, Montgomery County
Assistant Professor and Educator, 4-H Youth Development

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