



October 20, 2023

Congressman Michael Turner
120 West Third Street, Suite 305
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Dear Congressman Turner:

As a proud member of the Wright Dunbar Community, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the City's application for PDAC support of the Wright Dunbar Development Fund.

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Wright Dunbar, Inc. is the catalyst and facilitator for urban community and economic revitalization of the Wright-Dunbar Village and the West Third Street corridor. The vision of Wright Dunbar, Inc., is to create a vibrant, urban, walkable community of innovation, creativity, and collaboration where diverse families, businesses, neighbors, and visitors, live, work, recreate and learn together as a testimony to the historic legacy of the Wright brothers and Paul Laurence Dunbar.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Harry Seifert
President

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The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce has been a continued partner and business advocate for development of the Wright Dunbar area. The chamber has worked with multiple land developers, the National Park Service and local governments to advance this district that not only encompasses the historical aviation significance, but is also well positioned to be just as impactful today as a catalyst for economic development, business growth and minority business development. The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to support CityWide Development in the creation of this new economic development fund.

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Sincerely,



Chris Kershner
President & CEO



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Dear Congressman Turner:

Thank you for your consistent and rigorous support of historic preservation across the nation, in our region, and particularly in the Wright Dunbar neighborhood. The Wright Dunbar Business district and the neighborhood would not be where it is today in terms of redevelopment without your support first as Dayton Mayor and then as our Congressional representative. Your advocacy and support of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park and the National Aviation Heritage Area are major contributors to the community's redevelopment, and they have brought stability to the neighborhood.

It has been my privilege to work in Wright Dunbar for nine years and serve as a board member to Wright Dunbar Inc., the economic development group that manages the business district. Over that time, I have seen an increase in interest in redevelopment and small businesses opportunities. The district has had tremendous success with the resources available to it. Continued investment in the district and neighborhood will benefit both the community and the historical assets. I have seen the leverage and opportunity around the West Dayton Development Fund, and I am eager to see the development of a dedicated Wright Dunbar Development Fund.

The National Aviation Heritage Area is committed to the Wright Dunbar business district through our founding legislation and our strategic plan. NAHA is a property owner caring for three historical sites in the neighborhood. NAHA leverages relationships to support business district and neighborhood projects such as service-learning opportunities with Sinclair, UD, and Ohio State. We support local projects that improve the National Park visitor experience such as Montgomery County's recent installation of the Wright Flyer III sculpture as a gateway element to the park.

With your support, the proposed Wright Dunbar Development Fund will leverage both recent developments like the Food Hall and the long-term investments like the National Park. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
National Aviation Heritage Alliance

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make it a more vibrant city asset.

The support for the historic Wright-Dunbar district in Dayton is thriving, with exciting developments that showcase the vibrant local community. Dayton's first food hall, Social Tap and Table, stands as a testament to the commitment to local businesses. This food hall not only offers a diverse culinary experience but also serves as a platform for numerous local entrepreneurs to showcase their talents and creations. Moreover, just down the street, the eagerly anticipated Cornerstone project is taking shape. This endeavor promises to bring even more life to the district by housing five additional local businesses. Together, these initiatives



highlight the unwavering support for the Wright-Dunbar district, preserving its rich history while fostering a dynamic environment for both residents and visitors alike.

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Sincerely,

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Larry B. Dillin
President & CEO





October 26, 2023

Congressman Michael Turner
120 West Third Street, Suite 305
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Dear Congressman Turner:

As we continue to support the Wright-Dunbar community, we are pleased to write this letter of support for the City's application for PDAC support of the Wright-Dunbar Development Fund.

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The Dayton Development Coalition (DDC) has been a continued partner and business advocate for development of the Wright Dunbar area, as well as the Dayton Region. The DDC has worked with multiple land developers, the National Park Service, and local governments to advance this historic district. Wright Dunbar not only encompasses the historical aviation significance, but also community economic developments strategies designed to leverage public and private investment. This business corridor is helping to develop small business growth, housing options, and minority business development. The DDC is excited to support the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, and CityWide Development in the creation of this new economic development fund.

With PDAC support, the proposed Wright Dunbar Development Fund will leverage multiple planning efforts as well as significant recent and proposed investments within the area. These investments include \$21.7M West Third Street Bridge, the Wright Dunbar West Third Street Cycle Track project, and a new 6-tenant Food Hall, the West Social Tap and Table.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

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David P. Burrows, Jr.
Executive Vice President



November 2, 2023

Congressman Michael Turner
120 West Third Street, Suite 305
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Dear Congressman Turner:

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The Wright Dunbar Business District Association is made up of the following businesses: Chase Bank, Black Pallet Art Gallery, Ohio's Hospice, Wright-Patt Credit Union, Willis "Bing" Davis Art Studio, Wright Dunbar, Inc., PriMed Physicians, ZIKS Family Pharmacy, West Social Tap & Table, The Greater West Dayton Incubator, Agora Investments, The Entrepreneurs Shoppe, Lux Barber Lounge, I Heart Ice Cream, PayCo, Juicing Jammers, Urban Chic Salon, National Aviation Heritage Alliance, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, Amos Jefferies State Farm Insurance, Howard Hannah of Wright Dunbar, and WDAO Radio. All the businesses, apart from the corporations, are minority owned. Each business has made a commitment to the Wright Dunbar Business District and made private investments that are reinvigorating development in the district.

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James Johnson, Vice Chair

James Johnson
Vice Chair



November 3, 2023

Congressman Michael Turner
120 West Third Street, Suite 305
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Subject: Community Project Funding Request (CPFR) - Wright-Dunbar Project
Development Fund

Dear Congressman Turner:

The City of Dayton is in full support of the Wright-Dunbar Development Fund (“Development Fund”) Community Project Funding Request. This Development Fund will create access to capital for economic development along the historic West Third Street corridor in the Wright-Dunbar business district. Through a combination of grants and loans, the fund will provide gap financing for large scale economic development projects for housing, commercial, retail and/or mixed-use development. The Development Fund is positioned to leverage over \$38M in committed investments to the district through 2027.

The proposed Development Fund leverages multiple planning efforts as well as significant recent and proposed investment within the area including the \$21.7M West Third Street Bridge, the Wright-Dunbar West Third Street Cycle Track project and a new six-tenant Food Hall (the West Social Tap & Table). Through the City and its partners, over \$38M will be invested in this area over the next four years. Projects supported through the Wright-Dunbar Fund will create 300 housing units, activate 35,000 square feet of retail space, create 364 construction jobs and 50 permanent jobs.

With funding support, the City of Dayton will partner with CityWide to establish a new loan fund via their CDFI to incentive economic development in the Wright-Dunbar business district. Fund investors will include government, banks, credit unions, foundations and private philanthropy.

On behalf of the City of Dayton, we pledge our support, cooperation, and energy toward realizing the ultimate vision for the continued redevelopment of the historic Wright-Dunbar community. Support for the preservation and further development of this historic corridor and business district will assist in the City in recreating a place of innovation, business development, cultural activity, and community pride.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can do anything further to enhance and advance this important project.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.
Mayor, City of Dayton