

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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November 1, 2019

The Honorable Mike DeWine 77 S. High St. – 30th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

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The Dayton Art Institute request has our full support, and we thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Lieberman Commission President

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October 31, 2019

Quality of Life Committee Priority Development Advocacy Committee c/o Mr. Chris Kershner, Chair Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce 22 E. Fifth Street, Suite 200 Dayton, Ohio 45402

Dear Quality of Life Committee Members:

The City of Dayton is in support of The Dayton Art Institute's request for PDAC support for their building renovation. As you may know, The Dayton Art Institute is currently celebrating its centennial in 2019 and is housed in the iconic and historic Italian Renaissance building located in downtown Dayton was completed in 1930 and is on the National Historic Register.

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The Honorable Mike DeWine Governor of Ohio 1 Capital Square Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

I am providing this letter of support for the Dayton Art Institute's \$2.6 million Ohio Capital Budget request, aimed at modernizing key elements of the DAI's infrastructure. Given that, the DAI serves as one of the anchors of a vibrant arts community in Dayton, and that these physical improvements will benefit the entire community and thousands of museum visitors, the university wholeheartedly supports the funding proposal.

The museum's collection spans 5,000 years of art history, and its education programs are renowned in the region. It is well managed, evidenced by its staff's ability to be good stewards of philanthropic and public funds, as it finishes a major multi-year renovation. Funding the DAI's modernization program will address serious needs, such as: installing new roofs on all buildings; replacing the remaining original windows and doors for better security and climate control; and replacing air handlers and a steam boiler to help preserve its world-class art collection in a climate-controlled environment.

In partnership with DAI, the university's financial support provides educational opportunities for our students, providing them unlimited access to the museum. Each year, well over 1,000 UD students engage with the exhibits and other DAI-sponsored events. On a personal note, my wife Karen and I have been impressed by its diverse programming and fascinating collections.

The Dayton Art Institute is one of the nation's premier fine arts museums, and I'm delighted to provide this letter of support. Thank you for your consideration of this funding request. If you have any questions about the University of Dayton's support of this initiative, please contact me at 937-229-2228.

Sincerely,

Eric F. Spina, Ph.D.

President

Office of the President 444 West Third Street Dayton, Ohio 45402-1460

October 31, 2019

The Honorable Mike DeWine Governor State of Ohio 77 S. High Street – 30th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

I am writing in support of the request by the Dayton Art Institute (DAI) for State Capital Funds in the amount of \$2.6 million to assist in the important revitalization and preservation of the museum.

Sinclair College has long been a community partner to this valuable regional asset. The Dayton Art Institute not only plays host to classes of Sinclair art students, but other disciplines as well, such as English, History and Political Science. Its collections display both beautiful artworks, as well as important artifacts of world history. The museum provides a wonderful setting for revisiting historical events, examining aesthetics through the ages and from many cultures, and exploring the creative process.

The museum is a beautiful venue for community events. Its architectural and historical significance is an important symbol for Dayton. The needed improvements will help the museum continue as a vital community business and educational asset, ensuring a thriving environment for entrepreneurs, start-ups, and creative talent. In addition, the renovations are necessary to provide art preservation by ensuring the building that houses the art collection remains a beautiful and historic place.

Sinclair Community College and the Dayton Art Institute have grown together to create a very strong partnership in our community. To keep the museum vital and accessible to as many as possible, it is in need of further renovations and maintenance. Doing so will undoubtedly benefit Sinclair College students, as well as citizens from the entire region.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Johnson. Ph.D.

President and CEO



November 1, 2019

The Honorable Mike DeWine 77 S. High St. – 30th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

On behalf of Dayton Power & Light, I write in support of the Dayton Art Institute's capital budget request to be reviewed by your administration and the legislature during first quarter 2020. The Dayton Art Institute is currently celebrating its centennial and is housed in the iconic and historic Italian Renaissance building located in downtown Dayton. The building was completed in 1930 and is on the National Historic Register.

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In summary, it is my belief that investing in revitalization and preservation of our local communities and historic treasures like the Dayton Art Institute strengthens the overall attractiveness and tourism of the Dayton Region.

The Dayton Art Institute request has my full support and I thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Vince Parisi
President and CEO

Regional President, Dayton

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Sincerely yours,

David Melin

PNC

Regional President, Dayton Market



Premier Health Executive Office 110 N. Main St. Suite 390 Dayton, OH 45402

PremierHealth.com

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Mike DeWine 1 Capital Square Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

Premier Health has a long tradition of supporting the arts in our community as they serve an integral role in the vibrancy and growth potential of our region. We have found over the years that an eclectic and comprehensive selection of the arts can be a differentiator in the recruitment of physicians and other highly sought-after medical personnel. Convenient access is valued and is something we have heard about repeatedly. The arts represent the very fabric of the culture of our community.

With multiple Premier Health facilities located near many of the arts venues in the Dayton area, we have seen first-hand, the positive difference they have made for many of our employees and for the entire region, making this a better place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Mary Ropsalis
President & CEO



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I am writing in support of the Dayton Art Institute's capital budget request anticipated to be reviewed by your administration and the legislature during first quarter 2020. The \$2.6 million request would be used to rebuild and replace the entire museum roof, replace the remaining original windows, modernize and replace the Lower Court and Rotunda Doors (at the recommendation of Homeland Security) and preserve the art by installing HVAC replacements that will provide the exact temperature and humidity levels required by museum standards. This beautiful 100-year-old structure has a cherished history in the community and houses more than 27,000 objects that span more than 5,000 years of art.

The Dayton Art Institute has done an outstanding job in preserving, protecting and interpreting these treasures, while making the museum accessible for both art experiences and as a gathering place in our community. Five Rivers MetroParks values the Dayton Art Institute's rich history; its contributions to education for all ages; and the role the museum plays in creating economic vitality in our region and state, while contributing to the overall vitality of Dayton's urban core.

We understand the importance of this iconic museum being here for another 100 years and know that the capital funding could help make great strides in the preservation and restoration of one the great state of Ohio's greatest architectural buildings. Capital improvements will help create a museum for the next century – one that is technologically up-to-date, more environmentally friendly, operationally efficient, and accessible to all populations.

Thank you for your consideration of the capital funding request for the Dayton Art Institute. I urge you to support this important project for the Dayton Region.

Sincerely,

Executive Director



Dayton Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

Post Office Box 381 Dayton, Ohio 45409-0381

October 30, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Dayton Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, please accept this letter of support to Dayton Art Institute's application for the Capital Budget Appropriations Bill request to preserve, rebuild and modernize one of our oldest historic building.

Since 1949, the Dayton (OH) Chapter has proudly served the Greater Dayton community, making connections with its residents and like-minded organizations, such as the Dayton Art Institute. We remain steadfast to our focus to turn community need into organizational mission by connecting our 43 active members through friendship and commitment to community service in five critical strategic areas: Services to Youth, the Arts, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services and Health and Human Services.

Education is not something which occurs only within the walls of a brick building. Education is any opportunity to engage with different others and to learn from their diverse perspectives. DAI's journey, similar to the journey of our chapter, is one of exploring, provoking curiosity and offering equity and inclusiveness.

Dayton Art Institute have been a good shepherd of funds received and in order to care for our historic building there is much to do to care for our iconic structure. Their request for \$2.6 million will assist to replace the roofs on each of the buildings on the campus, replace windows and doors.

I can say unequivocally our focus and that of Dayton Art Institute is aligned in supporting our community. Please know that our Chapter supports the DAI's requests for funding. If you require more information regarding our support please contact us via daytonchapterlinkspresident@gmail.com or by mail.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Mack

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