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Toledo City Council
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Dear Toledo City Council Member:

The Civic Center Mall is a focal point in downtown Toledo and is important to our community as it is the host location for numerous monuments and tributes honoring Lucas County's military veterans and fallen heroes and public works of art. However, the decades-old mall is without a common sustainable design and areas within it have fallen into disrepair.

In planning for the expansion and renovation of the federal courthouse, local leaders have stepped forward to create a common vision to reenergize the Civic Center Mall into a point of civic engagement, community gathering spot, an oasis of green space for residents and employees of the municipal, county, and federal buildings that surround the mall. The hope is to return the Civic Center Mall to its former stature as a community treasure.

It is important that a viable plan be formulated to oversee the budget aspects, project timeline, and feasibility measures that are integral to carrying out the mall's redevelopment. For that purpose, Metroparks Toledo is offering assistance to create this plan for structuring the realization of the redevelopment of the Civic Center Mall. With commitments of \$15,000 each, the City of Toledo and Lucas County will continue their partnership in the new vision for the Civic Center Mall with the understanding that Metroparks Toledo is to undertake the necessary and vital planning and design work for this project.

The Lucas County Commissioners strongly support the investment being made by the City of Toledo in the Civic Center Mall project. The city's commitment will be a major step in an important project that will help shape the future redevelopment of downtown Toledo. We look forward to working with the City of Toledo to revitalize the Civic Center Mall into a place that the community will want to assemble, reflect, and enjoy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tina Skeldon Wozniak in blue ink.

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Commissioner

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