



DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION OF COLUMBUS
P.O. Box 15716, Columbus, Ohio 43215

June 16, 2011

Mr. Andrew Ginther, President of City Council
City of Columbus
50 W. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Cooper Stadium Project

Dear Council President Ginther:

The Downtown Residents' Association of Columbus (DRAC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting downtown Columbus, Ohio as a viable place to live, work and play. We advocate for the issues that help improve the quality of life in our city's center.

In 2008, DRAC wrote a letter stating we shared ROAR's concerns about a racetrack being developed at the site of the Cooper Stadium, stating "The residents of Downtown Columbus and nearby neighborhoods are greatly concerned about the possibility of excessive noise, pollution, and the overall negative impact that a raceway so near to these areas may generate." The letter was written to support efforts to study the impact of the proposed project, and to help galvanize the effort to find other suitable options for the site.

On June 1, 2011, the DRAC board had the opportunity to review the development plans submitted to city council and shared with Franklinton and the Southwest Area Commission. We have learned that there are several measures being taken to reduce the noise, including a much smaller racetrack (approximately a half mile of track surface) and additional sound buffering within the construction of the site. In addition, we have learned that the site will be a multi-use development that will offer hotel accommodations, a transportation research facility, outdoor activities such as pop-up festivals, BMX racing, car shows, and a place for other expositions on the racetrack grounds, where facilities in central Ohio are not currently available.

Based on this new information, the impact of the development will likely not impact those who enjoy living, playing or working downtown. Additionally, as the development lies outside the downtown boundaries, there is no need for DRAC to take any position on this issue.

We believe the issue of support is something that is best left for the residents who will be immediately impacted; that is the people who live and work in the immediate neighborhood, which is Franklinton and the southwest area of the city.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Ungar', written in a cursive style.

Susan Ungar, President

Downtown Residents' Association of Columbus

Cc: Mayor Michael Coleman

A. Troy Miller, Council Member

Marilyn Brown, President, Franklin County Commissioners

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