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Mayor Mark Mallory and
Members of City Council
Cincinnati City Hall
801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mayor Mallory and Council Members:

On behalf of the Downtown Residents Council, I am submitting to you the resolution below with respect to the proposed Cincinnati Streetcar project. This resolution was adopted by the Downtown Residents Council without dissent at the September 11, 2007 regular monthly meeting of the community council.

Be it therefore resolved:

The members of the Downtown Residents Council (DRC) support the implementation of a streetcar system for the urban core. We believe a fixed rail transportation network will enhance the experience of visiting, living and working in the core of our city. Other cities implementing streetcar systems have seen good to great returns on their investment through new construction, new jobs, new business opportunities, enhanced quality of life and a cleaner city environment due to lessened automobile traffic.

The DRC urges the City Council to support a program aimed at installing a fixed rail streetcar system within the boundaries of the Central Business District and Over the Rhine, which could possibly be expanded to the inner ring suburbs. Our members would greatly appreciate the ability to travel short distances from home and work on our lunch breaks, nights out, while running errands, shopping and entertaining friends. More transportation options will make it easier for modern families to live in the urban core by possibly removing the necessity of having multiple automobiles for personal mobility. This transportation option would also make the city more visitor-friendly by linking the many diverse shopping, dining, entertainment, cultural and historic locations scattered throughout the valley.

Sincerely yours,

Conrad F. Thiede