

CITY OF TOLEDO



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 18, 2009

TO: President Joe McNamara and Members of City Council

FROM: Carleton S. Finkbeiner, Mayor

SUBJECT: **November Ballot Issue**

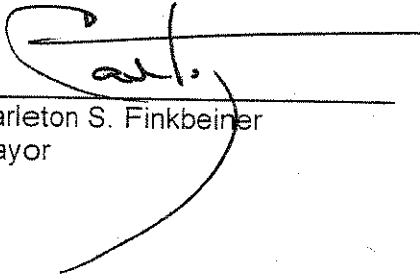
I am unable to attend the Council meeting this evening. I will be attending Mike Duckworth's memorial service.

I respectfully request that you approve the legislation, that has been presented to City Council, to place an option before the voters in November 2009 regarding the reallocation of 2009 Capital Improvement dollars only.

The intention of this legislation is to limit this reallocation to this year only. This will provide backup if City Council's Safety First initiative is defeated in September. Failure to approve placing this on the November ballot will eliminate the voters having a choice in how they want this \$3.9 million dollars spent which was set aside this year for that purpose.

I am not asking you to support my November initiative, but only to allow the voters an opportunity to have an option. There is nothing harmed by placing this on the ballot in November. In fact, if the September initiative is approved, there is time for us to remove it from the November ballot prior to these being printed. There has been much discussion from City Council, on letting the voters decide how they wish to proceed, so I would hope that you would support providing the voters an alternative for their consideration.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.


Carleton S. Finkbeiner
Mayor

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