DISTRICT ONE PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE

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To My Fellow Mayors,

On May 6, 2014, the citizens of Ohio will have an opportunity to cast their vote on <u>Issue 1</u> which would continue funding the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), a bond-financed program that since 1988 has assisted local communities in rehabilitating roads, bridges, waterlines and sewers.

I have had the privilege for the past several years of chairing the Cuyahoga County (District One) Public Works Integrating Committee (DOPWIC), which has distributed more than **\$522 million** in SCIP funds to every county community to fix critical infrastructure that may not have been done otherwise. Other Districts across the State have distributed monies for their communities as well.

The Ohio General Assembly voted unanimously place <u>Issue 1</u> on the ballot to allow the State to sell bonds to fund SCIP for ten (10) more years at a significantly higher amount of \$1.875 billion.

I urge you to have your Council support <u>Issue 1</u> by passing the enclosed Resolution.

The election is on May, 6^{th} , so time is of the essence. It is imperative to encourage voters to support <u>Issue 1</u>, which is **not** a tax-increase, so we can use these monies to continue to upgrade the county's infrastructure.

Attached please find two documents, a fact sheet from *Strong Ohio* as well as the sample Resolution supporting Issue 1.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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