

Resolution No. 281-14

Council Members Kelley,

FOR PASSAGE
February 24, 2014

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Supporting Mayor Frank Jackson and the City of Cleveland's bids to host the 2016 Democratic National Convention and the 2016 Republican National Convention; and supporting the civic collaboration and efforts of Cleveland with Cuyahoga County, the State of Ohio, the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc., the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Positively Cleveland, the Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Quicken Loans Arena, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, the Cleveland Convention Center and Global Medical Mart and other civic and community leaders and pledging City resources on behalf of hosting of a National Presidential Nominating Convention in Cleveland in 2016.

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee and Democratic National Committee have invited select U.S. cities, including the City of Cleveland, to respond to a formal request for proposal to host the Presidential Nominating National Convention in 2016; and

WHEREAS, efforts are now underway to submit competitive bids to host the conventions from the City of Cleveland in coordination with Cuyahoga County, the County Executive, and the State of Ohio and working in close partnership with a coalition of local non-profit and civic leaders, including the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Positively Cleveland, the Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Quicken Loans Arena, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, and the Cleveland Convention Center and Global Medical Mart; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland City Council is excited to join Mayor Jackson and our civic, business and non-profit leaders, as well as the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc., in providing a seamless Presidential Nominating National Convention in 2016; and

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convention staff; and has more than enough hotels located in close proximity to a National Convention for the convenience of delegates and all attendees; and

WHEREAS, efforts to attract a National Convention to our region are uniting City, County, and state officials, and leaders in our business and cultural communities, paving the way for future partnerships and regional collaborations benefiting our city and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, a successful bid for a National Convention would feature the City of Cleveland as a major convention and tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, a historic national convention would have a positive economic impact, benefiting significantly our municipal and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a National Convention would attract 35,000 visitors to Northeast Ohio, create new jobs, and have a \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 net positive economic impact on our region; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism rank among this Region's largest industries and the positive impact of hosting a National Convention in the City would be significant for our entire community; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health or safety in that submitting a timely competitive bid to host a National Convention creates an opportunity to achieve economic gains and to place the entire metropolitan region in the national spotlight for years to come; now, therefore

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Section 2. That Cleveland City Council hereby further expresses its full support of the partnership and collaborative efforts of the City of Cleveland with Cuyahoga County and the County Executive, the State of Ohio, the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee, Inc., the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Positively Cleveland, the Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Quicken Loans Arena, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, the Cleveland Convention Center and Global Medical Mart and numerous other civic, business and community leaders working tirelessly in support of Cleveland's bid to host a National Presidential Nominating Convention in Cleveland in 2016.

Section 3. That Cleveland City Council joins the Mayor in pledging all the available resources of the City, including the City's facilities and safety, security and logistical personnel and services, on behalf of City's bid to designate the City of Cleveland as Host City for a National Presidential Nominating Convention.

Section 4. That, in demonstration of our full support of this effort, the members of Cleveland City Council are honored to serve as Honorary Co-Chairs of the National Convention Host Committee.

Section 5. That this resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.