



CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO

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May 16, 2014

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Chair
Democratic National Committee
430 South Capitol St. SE
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Representative Wasserman Schultz;

The City of Columbus is on the move. Already the 15th largest city in the United States, we've grown beyond the model of state capital and college town to be a progressive, sustainable leader and home to an ever more diverse population.

Columbus' story is a great piece of the American fabric in the 21st Century. We are demonstrating how the spirit of collaboration can bring business, government, labor, faith and the people together to solve the hardest problems.

This detailed bid document from Columbus 2016 will show that on the critical criteria, Columbus is ready to host a Convention of the size and complexity of the DNC's National Convention.

Our ability to host a great event and our spirit of innovation and collaboration are just two reasons Columbus should be a top contender for the 2016 National Convention. In addition, we are the swing region of the most important swing state, home to 18 electoral votes.

The people of our community take seriously their role along the road to the White House. That is why in 2012 the two Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates visited 77 times, more than any city in a contested state.

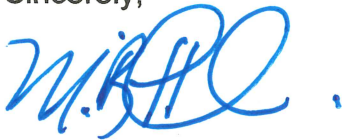
These visits not only allowed our voting public to get to know the candidates and issues, but also showed that our regional public safety services have what it takes to handle a national security event of the scale of the Convention.

The City of Columbus is committed to building the collaborative organization the DNC needs to host a successful event for thousands of delegates, candidates and members of the international media. We will bring all the needed partners to the table, from the public and private sector, and the City will participate financially, as needed and appropriate, to ensure a successful convention.

Our commitment includes services from the Divisions of Police and Fire, transportation crews, and all other City departments.

You also will have the full collaboration of our local hospitality community, through Experience Columbus, the arts, the business community and thousands of volunteers. We will provide the personal, welcoming touch that comes from deep in our civic DNA. The spirit of Columbus is smart, open and can't wait to join with you for hundreds of successful events in 2016.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Coleman
Mayor



Andrew J. Ginther
City Council President