

Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority (CCCPA) 2007

Support of the following:

A. CCCPA should be required by its local Rules and Regulations to prepare plans for future developments and conduct public hearings to gather comments on these plans.

B. CCCPA should be required to present a budget that clearly demonstrates how tax levy funds are being spent

C. CCCPA proposed capital projects funded by tax revenues should include

1. Purpose, needs and plans
2. Demonstration of market demand and public consensus
3. Cost effectiveness including a projected Return on Investment (ROI)
4. Overall community impact, including economic and environmental factors.

D. CCCPA capital projects should have a separate capital budget.

E. The Northeast Ohio Development Fund LLC (NEODF), created by the CCCPA under the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) program of the federal government, should

1. Have a Board appointed by elected officials, such as mayors and county commissioners
2. Publicly disclose criteria used to select projects
3. Give public notice of chosen projects before final acceptance
4. Invite public comment on proposed projects
5. Address possible conflict of interest issues of NEODF staff and board.

F. In order to address the disparity of representation on the CCCPA Board, equal numbers of Board members should be appointed by the Mayor of Cleveland and the Cuyahoga County Commissioners, with a final member named by joint agreement.

G. Public officials who appoint Board members should

1. Require a disclosure statement of each CCCPA Board candidate and member
2. Conduct periodic reviews of board members' compliance with legal requirements

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