















Local leadership. Statewide impact.

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Fellow Ohioans,

In 2016, a group of us came together to form the Ohio Mayors Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of mayors of Ohio's largest cities. Since that time, we've worked together to advocate for our cities, build better partnerships with state leaders, and foster idea-sharing and collaboration among the mayors.

This year has been one of continued growth for the Ohio Mayors Alliance. We've worked to advocate for a significant increase in resources for our transportation infrastructure. We also successfully advocated for the first increase in local government funding in over a decade.

In addition to our legislative advocacy work, we've also forged several important partnerships with other non-profits and philanthropic organizations. Through these efforts, we developed a grant program to help our cities champion educational attainment goals, helped to support small business leadership in our communities, and taken action to promote healthy communities across Ohio.

Our membership has also grown this year. In March, we welcomed a new coalition member, Mayor Steve Patterson of Athens, chair of the Mayors' Partnership for Progress, which represents more than 60 communities in Southeast Ohio. By bringing the perspective of this coalition into our group, we are able to better advocate for the challenges and opportunities in all of Ohio's communities.

As we take a look back at all we have accomplished this year on our key priorities, we are excited to tackle new challenges next year and continue to leverage our local leadership to make a statewide impact.

Sincerely,

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INVESTING IN OUR CITIES AND GROWING OUR ECONOMY

With more than 90 percent of the state's GDP generated in the largest metropolitan regions, cities are the engines of economic growth. The Ohio Mayors Alliance will continue to communicate the important role that cities play in driving the state's economy, as well as advocate for improved revenue sharing that supports business development and job growth in Ohio's cities.

CONFRONTING OHIO'S OPIOID EPIDEMIC

As a coalition of local leaders on the front lines of Ohio's ongoing opioid epidemic, the Ohio Mayors Alliance continues to share best practices for responding to the opioid crisis, as well as to engage state and federal leaders for the purposes of establishing a more coordinated and comprehensive approach to confronting this crisis.

STRENGTHENING OHIO'S INFRASTRUCTURE

The Ohio Mayors Alliance believes that strong, municipal infrastructure is critical to economic opportunities in Ohio and its metropolitan regions. As leaders in Ohio's largest cities, we will continue to advocate at both the state and federal level for necessary resources and funding to make sure our municipal infrastructure is maintained and improved.

PROTECTING HOME RULE

Home rule authority for local communities is a protected right in the Ohio Constitution, and the Ohio Mayors Alliance will actively oppose any state legislation that undermines our communities' ability to govern themselves and erodes Ohio's constitutional right to home rule.



IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Education is critically important to fostering the talent and workforce that is needed to grow Ohio's economy. We have convened education stakeholders to help our cities support Ohio's educational opportunities and make targeted investments in our schools to ensure our communities are strong today and tomorrow.

STRENGTHENING OUR DEMOCRACY

To ensure our democracy is responsive and that our representatives understand the challenges and opportunities in Ohio's cities, the Ohio Mayors Alliance continues to advocate for representational fairness, a complete and accurate count in the 2020 Census, and an open and transparent democracy.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

As elected leaders of our communities, we work everyday to ensure our residents and law enforcement are safe and protected. We will work with the state legislature to communicate the issues we see everyday and advocate for legislative changes that would better protect our communities and residents, including gun violence prevention and criminal justice reform.

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*Chair of Mayors' Partnership for Progress, representing mayors and city managers from Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington counties.





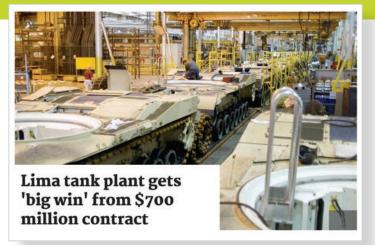
The Ohio Mayors Alliance is a bipartisan coalition of mayors of Ohio's largest cities.

By coming together and speaking with one voice about the challenges and opportunities in Ohio's cities, we can more effectively advocate for our communities and our constituents.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to strengthen Ohio's cities and metropolitan regions through collaboration, communication, improved advocacy, and stronger partnerships with policymakers.

As we come together, we will advance policy priorities that bring communities and leaders together, ensure a high quality of life for our citizens, and strengthen the economic vibrancy of our communities and our state.





Toledo introduces program to offer free Pre-K for students

The City of Toledo is taking strides at improving the education of its kids through a new program that won't cost taxpayers anything. The program is based solely on private donations.



Today I am also nominating Lydia Mihalik to lead @OhioDevelopment as its director. Lydia is the current mayor of @CityOfFindlay and the first woman to hold Findlay's top post.





THE BLADE



At 27, appointed Findlay mayor brings youth, ambition to new post

Alphabet's Verily is building a high-tech rehab campus to combat opioid addiction

Verily, Alphabet's life science division, is building a tech-focused rehab campus in Dayton, Ohio to combat the opioid crisis.



An employee inspects a tray of mosquito farvae in the mosquito factory at the Verily Life Sciences LLC lab in South San Francisco, California, U.S., on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018.

David Paul Morris | Bloomberg | Cettry Images

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Parma switching over to innovative citizen notification system CodeRED



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OHIO'S CITIES

Cuyahoga Falls to offer free childcare during city council meetings



"Akron's partnership w/ @eBay is a perfect example of how technology can enable people & small businesses to succeed. We deeply appreciate your commitment to this community, and I look forward to seeing the impact of #RetailRevival in the years to come." – Mayor Horrigan



Cincinnati chosen for national pilot program to increase recycling



Grove City extends help for those pursuing skilled trades





OHIO'S OPIOID CRISIS

OHIO OPIOID EDUCATION ALLIANCE

The Ohio Mayors Alliance is a proud member of the Ohio Opioid Education Alliance (OOEA), partnering with dozens of other organizations including government, business, and nonprofits, to spread the "Don't Live In Denial, Ohio" message. Under the leadership of the Nationwide Foundation, our mayors are helping to prevent the next generation from abusing opioids. The campaign encourages parents and caregivers to discuss the dangers of prescription painkillers with their children and dispose of unused opioids and painkillers in their homes.

Our mayors are hosting community meetings in their cities to discuss the campaign with stakeholders, including first responders, foundations, and local nonprofits. The OOEA is working to expand from a central Ohio focused campaign to a statewide campaign.





For more information on this work, visit **dontliveindenial.org**.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10,000 SMALL BUSINESSES

This year, we partnered with Goldman Sachs to expand their 10,000 Small Businesses program in Ohio. 10,000 Small Businesses is a public, private partnership that provides local business leaders with business and management education, access to capital, and business support services.

The program currently offers courses in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland. Our mayors have been working with the program to identify area small businesses that would benefit and grow from this program, unlocking economic growth and job creation in our communities.



Mayor John Cranley, City of Cincinnati



Mayor Andrew Ginther, City of Columbus, with former 10,000 Small Businesses graduate Haleema Shafeek (center)

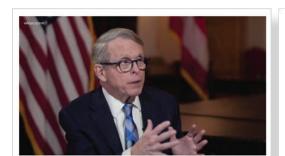


BUILDING OHIO'S INFRASTRUCTURE

FIX OUR ROADS OHIO AND THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

In 2018, the Ohio Mayors Alliance joined a small group of advocates to begin discussing ways to increase Ohio's investments into our transportation system. This group became known as Fix Our Roads Ohio, which grew into a broad coalition of business groups, unions, and local governments.

This coalition led the efforts to work with then newly-elected Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine to make the case for a long-overdue increase in Ohio's motor fuel user fee. With the Governor's leadership and many months of advocacy, the legislature approved a substantial increase, driving much-needed transportation dollars back to Ohio's local governments in 2019.



Ohio mayors group supports Gov. DeWine's plan for gas-tax increase

Ohio's cities, counties and townships would receive a percentage of



Lakewood Mayor speaks to Governor's **Advisory Committee on Transportation** Infrastructure

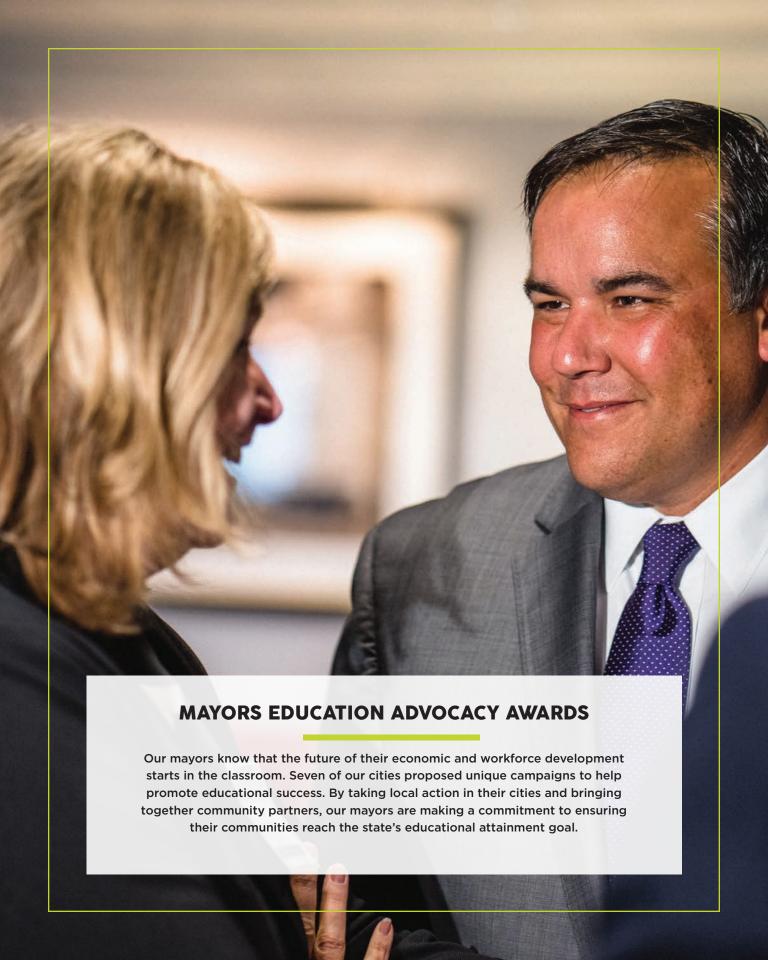


in Columbus. (Photo courtesy of the Ohio Mayors Alliance)

OHIO EPA AND U.S. EPA INTEGRATED PLANNING WORKSHOP

The passage of The Water Infrastructure Improvement Act in Congress gave our cities a new set of tools to meet water infrastructure standards set in the Clean Water Act. Integrated planning, outlined in the bill, allows for more flexibility to update water infrastructure and protect drinking water in a more effective and affordable manner in our cities.

While Integrated Planning is an extremely valuable tool for our cities, many of Ohio's cities were not utilizing it to its fullest. Under the leadership of Lima Mayor David Berger, Chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Water Council, we worked with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to convene a large, full-day workshop with local officials from across the state to discuss the challenges our cities are facing in complying with the Clean Water Act. The workshop also provided a guide for how to utilize Integrated Planning for the betterment of their city's water infrastructure.



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

OHIO MAYORS EDUCATION ADVOCACY GRANTS

Our metro economies rely on an educated and trained workforce. In partnership with Learn to Earn Dayton, and with funding support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the AT&T Foundation, we were able to provide seven of our cities with small grants to boost educational attainment in their cities.

The grantee cities are committing to promote post-secondary education in a number of ways, including FAFSA completion, assisting stopped-out students to stay in college, and offering mentorship to high school seniors. Our cities are committed to ensuring their students are prepared, their workforce is trained, and the state's economy is strong for future generations.







City of Lima receives grant to help students with FAFSA application



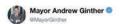
Top Left: Mayor David Scheffler, City of Lancaster. Bottom Left: Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, City of Toledo speaking at Complete to Compete Ohio Education and Workforce Summit. Bottom Right: Sharetta Smith, Chief of Staff, City of Lima

2020 CENSUS

The 2020 Census will have important impacts on our cities for the next decade, including community development dollars, funding for infrastructure, and political representation. In 2019, we laid the groundwork for a complete and accurate count of the state in 2020.

LOCAL COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEES

Our mayors have been working with the U.S. Census Bureau to create local complete count committees in their cities to bring together stakeholders that touch every aspect of their community, including faith, education, business, neighborhood leaders, government and nonprofits. By bringing these groups together, they can create a plan for reaching their residents to ensure they are prepared to take the Census. Local leaders play an important role in communicating the importance of the Census, as residents tend to have higher trust in their local elected officials than in the state and federal government.



The 2020 Census will be critical to the city and county for representation in Washington and the distribution of almost \$700 billion in federal funding for important programs like SNAP and WIC.



Columbus And Franklin County Launch 2020 Census Committee
City of Columbus and Franklin County officials announced a new 2020 Census
committee on Wednesday tasked with ensuring all residents are counted.



The Complete Count Committee of Akron & Summit County leaders met to discuss and promote tactics for Census Awareness.

#2020Census





Mayor John Cranley, City of Cincinnati, speaking at the kickoff of the Greater Cincinnati Counts Committee

OHIO COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION

On the state level, Governor Mike DeWine convened a Complete Count Commission of representatives from across the state that represent businesses, universities, faith communities, governments, minority organizations, media, and many more, to ensure the state is fully counted in 2020.

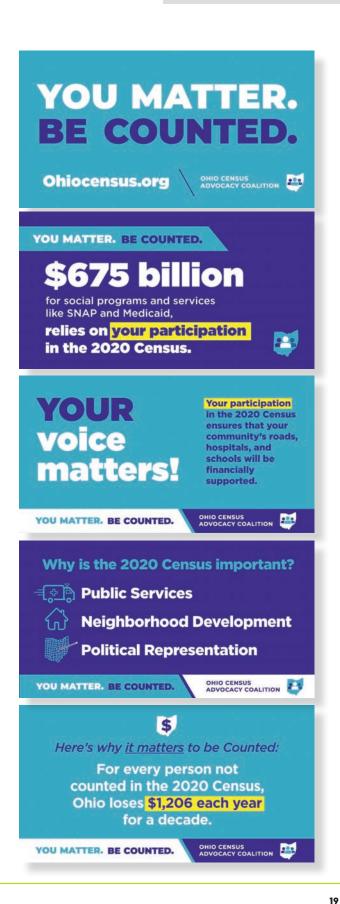
The commission is chaired by Ohio Development Services Director and former Mayor of Findlay, Lydia Mihalik. Youngstown Mayor Jamael Tito Brown is a commissioner, bringing the important local perspective from our cities to the discussion.

Our mayors are working to support the efforts of the statewide commission and helping to ensure a complete and accurate count of our cities and the state of Ohio.

OHIO CENSUS ADVOCACY COALITION

The Ohio Mayors Alliance is a member of the Ohio Census Advocacy Coalition, a network of statewide nonprofits and advocacy organizations working to encourage full participation in the 2020 Census, with a particular focus on Ohio's hard-to-count populations.

Many of Ohio's hard-to-count populations live in Ohio's cities, meaning our cities face unique challenges to getting a full count. By working in collaboration with these partners, we are advocating for the challenges and opportunities of these populations and learning unique outreach tactics for communicating with our residents.





COMMUNITY HEALTH

MOVE WITH THE MAYOR / STEP IT UP! CHALLENGE

Just as a trained workforce is important to a city's economy, so is a healthy one. That is why we organized our mayors this year to compete in the Move with the Mayor/Step It Up! Challenge created by the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention. By promoting heart health and walkable cities, our mayors are engaging with their communities and emphasizing the importance of living an active life.









Top left: Mayor Ike Stage, City of Grove City, and residents participate in #MoveWithTheMayor. Top right: (Left to right) Mayor Ginther, Mayor Muryn, John Clymer, Executive Director of National Forum, Bern Melnyk, Dean of OSU College of Nursing, Mayor Walters, Mayor Stone, Keary McCarthy, Executive Director of the Ohio Mayors Alliance. Bottom left: Mayor Dan Horrigan, City of Akron, participated in the #MoveWithTheMayor/Step It Up! challenge this fall, hosting walks with residents throughout the city. Bottom right: Mayor Christina Muryn, City of Findlay, uses a game of four-square to challenge kids in her community to #MoveWithTheMayor.

PROTECTING HOME RULE

Throughout this legislative year, we continued the conversation of protecting home rule through the transportation budget, the biennial budget, and individual pieces of legislation. Our cities are able to thrive when our mayors are able to keep their communities safe and enact innovative solutions to the individual, unique challenges they face.



DeWine Hopes To Avoid Erosion
Of Local Control In Budget



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The persistent threat of gun violence in our cities has long been a serious public safety concern for many of our mayors. While we had not yet taken on this issue as a coalition, many of our mayors have taken local action to curb gun violence. These efforts include innovative efforts to use technology to detect gun shots and finding ways to leverage the buying power of law enforcement agencies to penalize irresponsible gun manufacturers and to promote smart gun technology.

However, on August 4, 2019, tragedy struck Dayton when a gunman opened fire in the Oregon District killing 9 people in 32 seconds and wounding dozens more. From that moment forward, our mayors have come together to communicate the urgent need for change. We have been working with our allies to push for passage of common-sense gun violence prevention measures at the state and federal levels.



Mayors and police chiefs meet with Governor DeWine to discuss his Strong Ohio plan and gun violence in Ohio's cities.



Mayor Don Patterson, City of Kettering at podium

Bipartisan mayors on board with DeWine's gun violence proposals



Lancaster Mayor David Scheffler, Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn and Bexley Mayor Ben Kessler (pictured right to left) spoke Wednesday about gun control legislation at a Columbus Metropolitan Club forum hosted by Ohio Public Radio Reporter Andy Chow (left). [Rick Rouan/Dispatch]



OHIO'S MAYORS ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

Our mayors are leaders within their own cities, and they are also leaders on the state and national stage. Many of our mayors are involved in the U.S. Conference of Mayors, putting them on the forefront of innovative local leadership.

Ohio mayors serve in U.S. Conference of Mayors leadership, including Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, who serves as Second Vice President, and Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther, who serves on the Advisory Board. Many more of our mayors serve as chairs and vice chairs of committees within the national organization.

This year, Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley and Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz hosted a large national meeting in Toledo to discuss how mayors can lead on gun violence prevention, including using public-sector purchasing power to push for responsible gun policies.

Just as the Ohio Mayors Alliance facilitates collaboration and networking among our mayors, the U.S. Conference of Mayors does the same with mayors from every corner of the country, as mayors continue to be the leaders on innovative and practical governance.









Mayor Nan Whaley, City of Dayton (center)



Mayor David Berger, City of Lima



As co-chair of Mayors & Police Chiefs taskforce at @usmayors, this AM we are discussing real ways Mayors can work to curb gun violence despite inaction by the states and feds. Thx to @ElectWade @billpeduto @karenaboutgary and @davidhogg111 for sharing your important



The Columbus Dispatch

Columbus lands 2022 **U.S. Conference of Mayors**



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40% of all gun purchases are made by city govts. Toledo Mayor @wadekaps & Cincy Mayor @JohnCranley discuss a new national initiative to use public-sector purchasing power to improve gun safety and reduce gun violence. #mayors2019 #MayorsStand4All



Whaley elected to U.S. Conference of Mayors leadership





Mayor John Cranley, City of Cincinnati, and Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, City of Toledo



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John Cranley *301,301*

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COLUMBUS

Andrew J. Ginther 879,170

CUYAHOGA FALLS

Don Walters 49,247

DAYTON

Nan Whaley 140,371

DUBLIN

Greg S. Peterson 47,619

ELYRIA

Holly C. Brinda 53,883

EUCLID

Kirsten Holzheimer Gail 47,201

FAIRFIELD

Steve Miller 62,105

FINDLAY

Christina Muryn 41,321

GROVE CITY

Richard "Ike" Stage 41,022

KETTERING

Don Patterson 55,175

LAKEWOOD

Mike Summers 51,724

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