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ISEB Building Groundbreaking

As construction cranes for the Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Building towered in the background, Case Western Reserve leadership, supporters and community partners took part in a ceremonial groundbreaking Wednesday evening for the project—a 189,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility with dedicated research, lab and collaboration spaces.

New Tool Unveiled to Propel Affordable Housing Efforts in Cleveland

Cleveland is addressing its affordable housing crisis through collaborative efforts with community organizations, developers, and other key stakeholders. These partnerships are driving substantial investments and resources to expand both for-sale and rental affordable housing. The goal is to create a diverse range of housing options that meet the needs of residents across all income levels, fostering greater stability and inclusivity throughout the city.

The Cleveland Housing Investment Fund (CHIF) is one of these efforts that will expand access to affordable housing and improve Cleveland's neighborhoods, especially those that need financial resources the most. Studies show that rents in Cleveland are rising at a faster rate than most metro areas, demanding a need to build more housing for low-income, working class and middle-class residents.

Here's a closer look at how CHIF is set to make an impact:

- Affordable Housing Access:** CHIF aims to make both for-sale and rental homes accessible to a diverse range of residents. Through qualifying new construction and rehabilitation projects, the initiative seeks to provide affordable, stable housing options for essential workers, educators, and other community members, fostering long-term stability in Cleveland's housing market.
- Economic and Community Growth:** Beyond housing, CHIF seeks to stimulate economic growth and enhance neighborhood vitality, contributing to improved quality of life throughout the city.
- Diversity & Inclusion:** The fund prioritizes supporting women developers and developers of color, addressing historical disparities and barriers.

CHIF was initially funded with \$18 million from the City of Cleveland and a \$20 million comment from KeyBank. The fund aims to grow to \$100 million, with additional investment from corporate and philanthropic partners.

More information about CHIF will be unveiled in the coming weeks and months. Interested developers can obtain more information at <https://www.liscstrategicinvestments.org/cleveland-housing-investment-fund>.

CHIF is managed by a subsidiary of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a national leader in affordable housing, which has an office in Cleveland. The City Council endorsed this partnership for its track record in affordable housing and effective collaboration with local governments.

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City Council President Blaine A. Griffin served as Grand Marshal for Little Italy's annual neighborhood-wide cultural celebration in on October 14.



Council President Griffin joined other Council Members in supporting Ward 4 Councilwoman Deborah Gray at her "Movie Matinee" event October 19 at the Atlas Cinemas at Shaker Square.



President Griffin and Ward 5 Councilman Richard Starr at the annual State of CMSD Schools Address on October 1 with former City Councilman George Forbes.

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN GRIFFIN

Dear Residents,

Happy Holidays to you and your family and friends. I hope during this special season you get time to spend with your family and friends. And keep an eye out for neighbors who might need some extra help.

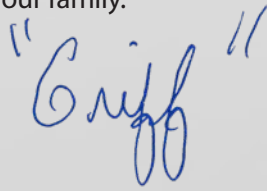
Council had a very productive year, including ensuring the last of the federal revenue recovery funds went to important projects aimed at helping residents and neighborhoods.

Cleveland is on the upswing. Even so, I know many are concerned about crime and the reduction in the police force. Be assured I am working every day to make our neighborhoods safer.

The year 2025 will be an interesting year. Council must grapple with the reduction of two Wards, from 17 to 15. While all 17 members will be helping constituents throughout the year, there will be a primary and then general election in November where 15 will be elected. Stay tuned for information on how our ward lines are changing.

As always, feel free to reach out to my office with concerns or questions.

Sincerely, Happy Holidays to you and your family.



Blaine A. Griffin,
City Council President
Ward 6 Councilman



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President Griffin with Fairfax neighborhood businessman Sam Spain owner of Slammin' Sammy's BBQ. Sam was temporarily out of business in September after the theft of his famous grill. Many thanks to Cleveland Police for the swift recovery of the grill.

Elevate the East Mural: A Symbol of Community Revitalization



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THE ARTISTS CAPTURED THE ESSENCE OF OUR COMMUNITY BY TALKING TO PEOPLE, LEARNING ABOUT OUR HISTORY, AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US. NOW, WHEN CHILDREN WALK BY, THEY WILL BE INSPIRED BY THE HISTORY AND LANDMARKS OF OUR COMMUNITY.”



Stretching 728 feet along the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Central Bus Maintenance Facility, the Elevate the East mural showcases the power of art to inspire and connect communities.

The project is part of the broader Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood redevelopment, which includes replacing the aging Woodhill Homes with mixed-income housing. Spearheaded by CMHA along with LAND Studio, Burten, Bell, Carr Development Inc., and local partners, **the mural was made possible by a HUD grant and support from the National Endowment for the Arts.**

The vision began with GCRTA CEO India Birdsong Terry and Director Maribeth Feke, who saw potential in a blank brick wall. The Elevate the East initiative

provided a framework to turn the wall into a community asset.

Community engagement was central to the mural's creation. Artists Derek Brennan, Chad Fedorovich, and others collaborated with residents through events, workshops, and youth activities, incorporating local stories and memories into the design.

Cleveland City Council President Blaine Griffin hailed the mural as a beacon of hope. "This is my community. The artists captured our history and spirit," Griffin shared at the ribbon-cutting.

Through its rich imagery of history, culture, and daily life, the Elevate the East mural reflects the resilience and aspirations of the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood.



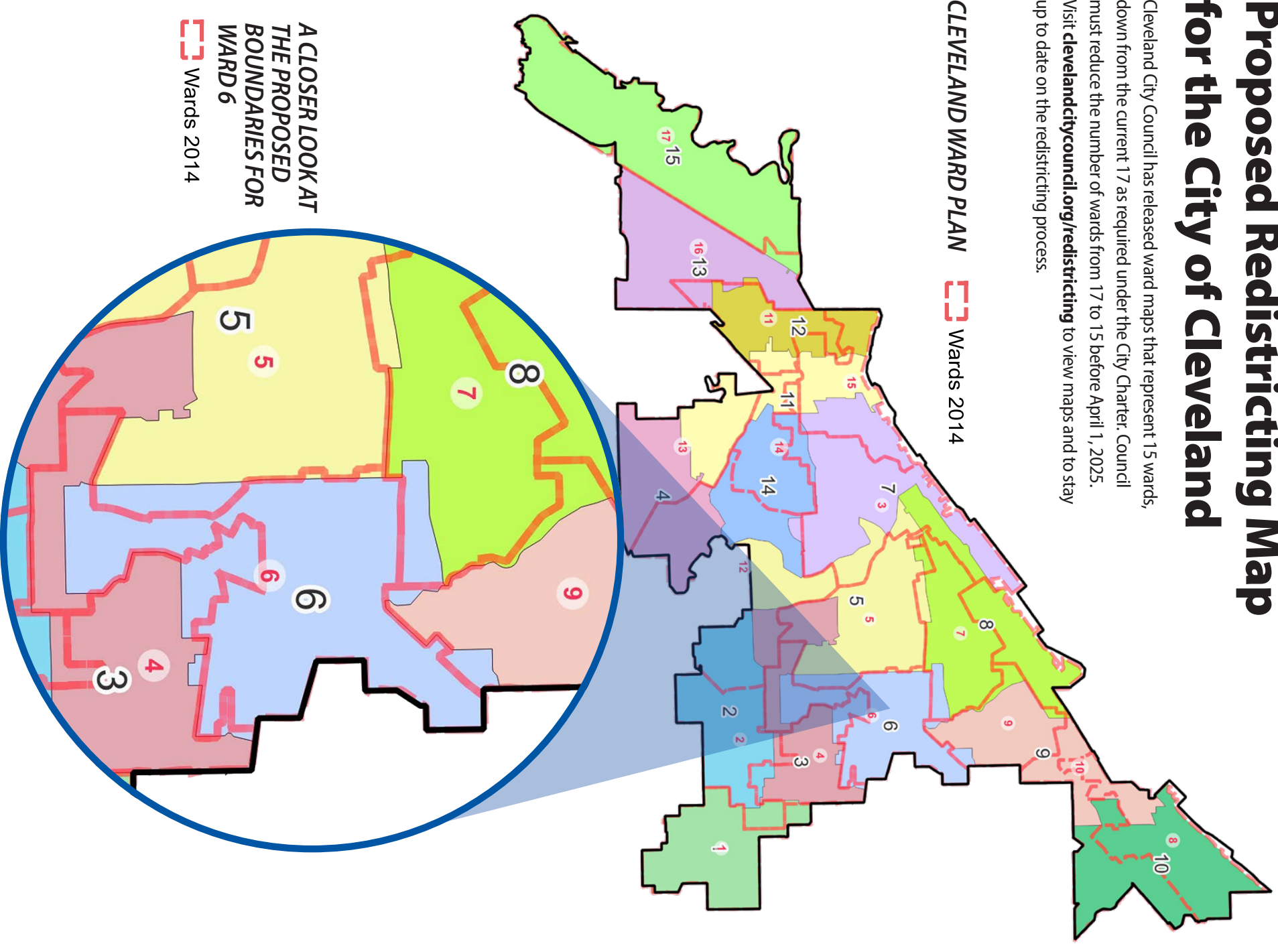
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Proposed Redistricting Map for the City of Cleveland

Cleveland City Council has released ward maps that represent 15 wards, down from the current 17 as required under the City Charter. Council must reduce the number of wards from 17 to 15 before April 1, 2025. Visit clevelandcitycouncil.org/redistricting to view maps and to stay up to date on the redistricting process.

CLEVELAND WARD PLAN  Wards 2014



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Season's Greetings

We wish you a joyous holiday season filled with love and laughter, and a very happy and prosperous New Year!

SINCERELY,
Blaine A. Griffin

BLAINE A. GRIFFIN
COUNCILMAN
AND THE WARD 6 STAFF



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