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Dear «Salutation» «Surname»:

The Cincinnati Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) represents architects living and working in nine southwestern Ohio counties, including over 300 in Hamilton County. We are reaching out to offer our membership as a resource for leaders like you.

As an elected official, you have a significant voice in shaping the future of our communities. As architects, we bring to the table extensive knowledge of buildings, building systems, and zoning, as well as an understanding of the impact of the built environment on the public welfare. Architects can contribute to discussions on a wide range of issues including community planning, housing, sustainability, building codes, construction project delivery, historic preservation, etc.

AIA Cincinnati works with municipal and community leaders to shape the built environment. Community workshops and charettes have offered visions for the future, including the Fort Washington Way decks, Lower Price Hill, and South Fairmount. Our member architects have shared their expertise on issues ranging from the fate of the Terrace Plaza, the Over-the-Rhine Historic District guidelines, and the use of tax credits to encourage energy efficient buildings. On January 12, our Urban Design community is hosting a <u>virtual panel discussion on the future of the Brent Spence Bridge</u>.

AIA Cincinnati members are eager to engage with civic, community, and corporate leaders on design issues in our communities. Architects are problem solvers who can offer unique perspectives and expertise to civic, municipal, and nonprofit organizations as advisors and members for boards, committees, and commissions.

We are a resource for you and the community, providing assistance and perspective on local issues impacting the design of the built environment. We would like to meet with you in the spring to discuss how we can be a resource for you during your term. Our executive director Julie Carpenter will follow up in February, and she can be reached with any questions or ideas at 513-609-2757 or julie@aiacincinnati.org.

Sincerely,

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