

April 27, 2010

Mitchell Brown  
Director, Department of Public Safety  
City of Columbus  
50 West Gay Street, Second Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Director Brown:

The Downtown Residents' Association of Columbus (DRAC) Board of Directors realizes that a great deal of work has gone into crafting a plan that the Division believes will effectively meet the needs of the City. We, however, feel that downtown will be **negatively** impacted by the plan. With a 70 percent increase in precinct size and a sizable increase in the number of areas that will need substantial assistance from the Division, the level of police coverage for the downtown core will be significantly diluted.

Downtown residents benefit from a clean and safe environment because of the cooperation between the Columbus Police Department and Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District. To diminish this cooperation in any way by redistricting and decreasing the number of law enforcement per capita would be detrimental to the growth of the Downtown area. Prevention of disorder is critical to keeping Downtown and Columbus' tax base healthy. Thirty percent of the City's jobs are based within the Downtown boundaries. These jobs contribute 23 percent of the City's income tax. The City's fiscal health requires a higher level of staffing than what is envisioned in the redistricting plan.

The DRAC Board of Directors encourages you to reconsider this plan.

Best Regards,

Donna Carstens  
President, DRAC