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Downtown Residents' Association of Columbus

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Dear Editor:

The Downtown Residents' Association of Columbus formed in 2003 to promote the benefits of living and working downtown and to advocate for continuous community improvement. We have taken pride in educating residents on all that downtown has to offer, and exposing residents to the latest and best of downtown. We have grown to over 200 paid members and are proud of our many accomplishments, such as supporting City Hop and the creation of downtown dog park, and adopting Bicentennial Park's flower planting and maintenance.

One of downtown's challenges is the movement of people and the lack of connectivity among destination points. From the Short North to German Village to the Brewery District, and to several points in-between, improving connectivity to move people, visitors, and workers is an important part of downtown's future.

In order to continue its growth and prosperity, Downtown must make bold investments in its future.

Last year, the streetcar working group conducted a thorough examination of the feasibility of streetcars. They concluded streetcars will provide much-needed connectivity in and around downtown and will accelerate the amount of new investment in the downtown area, helping to fill the gaps where we now see surface parking.

We are supportive of the concept of reintroducing streetcars to Columbus and are excited to learn more about routes, construction and timetables.