



City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

GEORGE CUSHINGBERRY, JR.
PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE
DISTRICT 2

February 22, 2016

Commandant (CG-BRG-2)

U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Stop 7418

2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE

Washington, D.C. 20593-7418

Re: Public Notice 09-01-16, Ambassador Bridge Twin Span

As a member of the Detroit City Council I write to express my support of the Ambassador Bridge's Twin Span project. This project will bring substantial jobs to the area for the construction of the new span as well as repair of the original, historic span. Indeed, this twinning project is essential to maintaining the original span, which many consider to be an iconic piece of Detroit's image.

The City's commitment to the Twin Span is embodied in the land swap agreement that the Mayor reached with the Detroit International Bridge Company and the City Council approved. Through this agreement, the City will transfer to 3 acres of land, which was recently valued at \$1 million, in exchange for 4.8 acres of land from DIBC that most recently sold for \$3 million. Moreover, DIBC will pay the City a total of \$5 million to assist with the revitalization of the park. Indeed, absent this agreement, the City would not be able to revitalize the park from its current state of disrepair.

To be sure, the City and DIBC have sometimes been at odds with one another over the expansion of the Ambassador Bridge. Both parties, however, have successfully made significant steps toward forming a cooperative relationship of mutual respect regarding this important infrastructure project that will be hugely beneficial to the City. Today, the City supports DIBC's efforts to expand the Ambassador Bridge in every way possible.

For a better Detroit,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Cushingberry, Jr.", written in a cursive style.