

Broad-Faith Organizing for Lorain County's Development

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The Honorable Craig Foltin
Mayor of the City of Lorain
200 West Erie Avenue
7th Floor City Hall
Lorain, Ohio 44052

Dear Mayor Foltin:

Thank you for the courtesy of meeting with us today. Mayor Foltin, your vision for revitalization and growth of Lorain is our vision. The revitalization for Central Lorain is critical to the future of the entire city. Therefore, in the spirit of partnership, we need your agreement on the following points.

- Will you work with our Community Alliance- The Central Lorain Direct Action Committee, Lorain County Community Action Agency, The Central Lorain CDC Director and BOLD of Lorain County to implement the Central Lorain Community Plan.
- The Central Lorain Community Plan calls for specific goals regarding home repair loans, new homes, and rental home rehabs. In order to achieve these goals, will you appoint a Housing Outreach coordinator to work with the Community Alliance and devise and implement a strategy, to generate at least \$100,000 dollars for home repair loans, from the City's rental rehab loan program.
- Will the City invest \$75,000 in seed money toward the creation of the CDC and contribute \$25,000 dollars for the next three years.
- Will the City's Housing Outreach Coordinator work with the CDC Director, Lorain County Community Action Agency, Central Lorain Residents and BOLD of Lorain County to focus on best use of the Stove Works site.
- The issue of drugs sales and drug houses in Central Lorain must be addressed. Will you implement the recommendation of the Central Lorain Community Plan, which calls for increased police visibility and direct action against known drug houses, in response to reports from community residents?

Your agreements to these issues are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Martha Pye
Chairperson

Rev. Juan Gonzalez
President of BOLD