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3<sup>RD</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF OHIO**



## THE BEATTY BULLETIN

**JULY/AUGUST 2016**

### COLUMBUS WINS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SMART CITY CHALLENGE

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced on June 23, 2016, that Columbus, Ohio was chosen as the winner of the nationwide Smart City Challenge. Powered by a pledge of up to \$40 million in federal funds, Columbus will be the nation's first city to fully integrate innovative technologies like self-driving and/or Internet-connected automobiles into its transportation network.

"I am thrilled Columbus is the winner of the Smart City Challenge," Beatty said. "I am honored to have played a major role, along with Mayor Ginther—whose leadership has been incredible—and many city partners, in showcasing



*Vulcan President and COO Barbara Bennett, Secretary Anthony Foxx, and Mayor Ginther at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> press conference.*

our city's commitment to building a first-of-its-kind transportation system that will create numerous jobs and connect

neighborhoods all across Central Ohio."

In addition to a \$40 million pledge from the Department of Transportation, the city has secured a \$10 million commitment from Vulcan, Inc. and another \$90 million from Central Ohio businesses and public organizations. Columbus beat out six other cities from across the nation to claim the top prize in the Smart City Challenge including: San Francisco, CA; Denver, CO; Kansas City, MO; Portland, OR; Pittsburgh, PA; and Austin, TX. In total, 78 cities initially applied for the Smart City Challenge grant.

For more information, please visit [www.transportation.gov/smartcity](http://www.transportation.gov/smartcity).

### LANDMARK AFFORDABLE HOUSING BILL NOW LAW

On July 29, 2016, President Barack Obama signed into law the *Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016, H.R. 3700*, the first major reform to our nation's affordable housing programs in nearly two decades. As enacted, the bill will provide state and local housing agencies—like the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority—the flexibility to use more project-based housing vouchers to better assist low-

income families and individuals who are homeless by streamlining costly administrative burdens and developing housing facilities that are integrated with social services for residents.

"The Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act is a testament to the power of what Congress can accomplish when both sides of the aisle come together in a bipartisan way, along with community stakeholders like the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and the Columbus Region Coalition, to improve our nation's affordable housing programs," Beatty stated.

Congresswoman Beatty strongly supported passage of H.R. 3700 both in the House Financial Services Committee and on the House floor, where the bill passed 427 – 0.



*Ohio State superfan and cancer-survivor Grant Reed met with Congresswoman Beatty to advocate for greater research and cancer treatment for children and young adults. (June 21, 2016)*

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*"Proud to serve as your voice in Congress." — Congresswoman Joyce Beatty*



*Congresswoman Beatty delivered the "CBC Message to America: Bridging the Racial Gap to Ensure the American Dream for All." Watch the video on [NewsOne's website](#). (July 15, 2016)*



*On June 28, 2016, the Port Columbus International Airport was renamed in honor of astronaut and former Ohio U.S. Senator John Glenn.*



*During a House Democratic press conference on gun violence, Beatty gave a folder to Elizabeth Banach's daughter, Eleanor, to draw what she thought the day was about. Eleanor drew an inspiring picture, centered around the word "love." (July 6, 2016)*

## BEATTY HOLDS COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE CONFERENCE CALL

Congresswoman Beatty convened a conference call with diverse leaders, activists, elected officials, religious and civic organizations, and businesses across Central Ohio to discuss ways to curb gun violence and unite our communities. The call included opening remarks from Columbus City Council President Zach Klein, Chief of Police Kim Jacobs, Reverend Fredrick LaMarr, Columbus City Councilman and former Public Safety Director Mitchell Brown, and community activist Al Edmondson.

Hundreds of people listened in while a host of community leaders, citizens, and

officials spoke about the need for greater coordination, a stronger commitment to eradicating gun violence, more economic opportunities for young men, the recruitment of African-American police officers and uniting communities of all backgrounds with the police. "It is up to all of us," Beatty said. "That is why I will continue to rely on the advice and encouragement from my constituents, and hold personal meetings with police, community leaders and elected officials to make sure Congress hears the voices of the countless Central Ohioans clamoring for action."

## BEATTY BACKS EFFORTS TO FIGHT FORECLOSURES

On July 13, 2016, the House Financial Services Committee held a hearing entitled, "HUD Accountability" with U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro as the sole witness. At the hearing, Congresswoman Beatty defended Secretary Castro's decision to increase nonprofit participation in the Distressed Asset Stabilization Program (DASP), a federal program that auctions off delinquent FHA-

backed mortgages that are expected to go into foreclosure absent additional action, to help more families stay in their homes.

"Nonprofits have long demonstrated a commitment to keeping families in their homes and avoiding foreclosure. I applaud Secretary Castro for expanding nonprofit DASP access, which will lead to fewer foreclosures and improved economic certainty for our country."

## EVENTS AND REMINDERS

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

On **August 9, 2016**, Congresswoman Beatty will host a Community Conversation at the **Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge #9, 6800 Schrock Hill Court, Columbus, Ohio 43229**, from **6:00pm to 7:30pm**. For more information and/or to RSVP, please call (614) 220-0003, or visit: [www.beatty.house.gov](http://www.beatty.house.gov).

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Are you interested in serving your country as a commissioned officer in the United States Armed Forces? If so, please complete an application at [www.beatty.house.gov/serviceacademynominations](http://www.beatty.house.gov/serviceacademynominations). Applications will be accepted until November 1, 2016. For more information, call my office at (614) 220-0003.

## THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

**Est. \$2,000,000 - \$4,000,000**

U.S. Department of Energy grant awarded to The Ohio State University for the establishment of a new Energy Frontier Research Center (EFRC) to accelerate scientific breakthroughs on environmental management and nuclear cleanup.

**\$379,596**

National Endowment for Humanities grant awarded to the Ohio Historical Society for two projects: (1) Phase Four of its Ohio Digital Newspaper Project; and (2) The Hopewell in Ohio.

**\$240,000**

Columbus State Community College awarded Talent Search Program funding to help individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds succeed in higher education. Funds will be used to provide academic, career, and financial counseling.