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PORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

Former Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken joins development authority board

CINCINNATI, Ohio – The Board of Directors of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority is pleased to announce that Charlie Luken has joined the board.

Luken is Senior Counsel at Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP, an Ohio corporate law firm with an office in Cincinnati. He joined the Calfee firm in 2006, after a storied political career, highlighted by one term as a congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives and two terms as Mayor of the City of Cincinnati, from 1983 to 1991 and then again from 1999 to 2005. At Calfee, Luken works in the firm's Government Relations and Legislation Group. He has practiced law in the private sector for more than 24 years.

As Mayor, Luken's notable initiatives include the expansion of the Greater Cincinnati Convention Center and the formation of the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC). Committed to improving race relations, he formed Cincinnati CAN, a roundtable of community leaders working to improve Cincinnati's economic and racial climate.

Luken was appointed to the Port Authority Board on December 17, 2014, by Mayor John Cranley, and fills a position vacated by Martine Dunn, partner in the Corporate Department at Dinsmore & Shohl law firm.

Luken has served on the boards of Cincinnati Art Museum, CincyTech USA Leadership, Cincinnati Retirement System, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative and has served as chairman of Downtown Cincinnati, Inc. He has been a member of Success by Six Community Conference, Fifth Third Charlotte Schmidlapp Fund, and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. He received an honorary doctorate of humanities from the Cincinnati State Technical College.

The Port Authority is governed by business and community leaders that comprise its Board of Directors. Board members are unpaid volunteers and number 10; five of whom are appointed by the Mayor of Cincinnati and five by the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners.

Port Authority officers are Lynn Marmer, Chairperson; Otto Budig, Jr., Vice Chairperson; and Laura N. Brunner, Secretary.

“It is an honor to have Cincinnati’s longest-serving mayor join the Port Authority board,” according to Lynn Marmer, Group Vice President for Corporate Affairs for the Kroger Co. “Because of his decisive leadership during critical times, our region is more resilient and open to collaboration and partnership.”

The board in 2014 considered and approved 19 resolutions pertaining to property acquisition in high-impact redevelopment areas; procuring funding for specialized project financing programs; and entering into lease agreements with the City of Cincinnati.

About the Port Authority:

The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority was formed in 2000 to stimulate growth of the regional economy. The Port Authority is an independent economic development agency that focuses on initiating projects that will increase jobs and increase productive value of land through collaborative and catalytic investment. For additional information, please visit <http://www.cincinnatiport.org>.