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City of Collinsville  
Attn: Honorable Mayor John Miller  
City Hall  
125 South Center Street  
Collinsville, IL 62234

Dear Mayor Miller:

The intent of this letter is to recommend the re-appointment of Ginger Trucano, Fontez Mark and Kevin Weinacht to the Collinsville Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority. Their terms are due to expire next month.

On behalf of the Authority, please allow me to share why the board feels these three individuals should be afforded the opportunity to continue to serve Gateway Center.

These board members feel privileged to be entrusted with the oversight and management of Gateway Center. They all have consistently contributed to board related responsibilities, and are actively involved in the community of Collinsville. They have a proven track record for making decisions that are in the best interest of the convention center, its customers and stakeholders, as well as the local community.

Members of the board value the combination of expertise and experience these individuals possess in finance, personnel, and business development. It also should be noted, that Ginger, Fontez and Kevin all have a genuine interest and experience in economic development.

Representatives of Gateway Center have set into motion steps to develop a Long-range Strategic Plan for the convention center. All three of these board members are involved with this process. For the purpose of continuity alone, it would be advantageous for these board members to see this endeavor through completion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Cynthia L. Warke  
Executive Director