

RESOLUTION NO. 250-2025(COTW), *First  
Reading*

By President Larson

A Resolution expressing appreciation to Len Horowitz for his many years of outstanding service to the City and its residents; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Len Horowitz has been a devoted and active member of the Cleveland Heights community for more than fifty years, demonstrating extraordinary dedication and commitment to the values and vitality of this city; and

WHEREAS, throughout his decades of public service, Len has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Cleveland Heights in a wide variety of roles, including as a small business owner, community advocate, City Councilmember, committee chair, and Planning Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Len helped shape Cleveland Heights through his leadership and engagement, from founding two local businesses, to serving on the Community Improvement Awards Committee, chairing the Local Development Corporation, co-chairing the Recreation Bond Levy Campaign, serving as a member of City Council, and most recently, as a valued member of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty-six years, Len has been a steady and trusted presence on the Planning Commission, offering not only his extensive knowledge of planning and development matters but also the historical context and practical wisdom that come only from decades of civic experience; and

WHEREAS, his colleagues on the Planning Commission have benefitted greatly from his quiet confidence, thoughtful analysis, and deep institutional memory—attributes that have ensured the Commission's deliberations were thoughtful, balanced, and well-informed; and

WHEREAS, Len has served as both mentor and partner to his fellow Commissioners, always taking time to share insights, explain complex zoning details, and ensure that all voices were heard; and

WHEREAS, Len's volunteerism with local organizations, including literacy and education initiatives, demonstrates his enduring desire to help others learn, grow, and thrive—quietly observing, assisting, and improving the world around him; and

WHEREAS, his tireless efforts and steadfast belief in this community have made him a Cleveland Heights treasure, an example of selfless public service, and a role model for future generations of civic leaders.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that this Council hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation to Len Horowitz for his more than fifty years of exemplary service, dedication, and love for the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 1. The Council extends its best wishes to Len for happiness, health, and fulfillment in this next chapter of life, knowing that his legacy of thoughtful leadership and community spirit will continue to guide this city for years to come; and

SECTION 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be presented to Len Horowitz as a token of the City's appreciation and admiration for his remarkable contributions to Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize Len Horowitz prior to him stepping down from his position on the Planning Commission. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



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GAIL L. LARSON  
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

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Presented to Mayor: 12/01/2025 Approved: 12/01/2025



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TONY CUDA  
Mayor