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Mayor Finkbeiner: "We Need to Adopt a Policy of Collaboration"

On Friday, November 21 Mayor Finkbeiner attended a meeting and presentation in Columbus at the Governor's Residence. Attendees included Ohio Governor **Ted Strickland**, Lt. Governor **Lee Fisher**, members of their staff and the Ohio Department of Development. Also present were Mayor **Michael D. Coleman** of Columbus, Mayor **Jay Williams** of Youngstown, Mayor **Rhine L. McLin** of Dayton, Mayor **Don Plusquellic** of Akron, and about 25 others.

The presentation was titled "**Restoring Prosperity to Ohio**," and focused on the role of the City. Governor Strickland said this was "a time of troubled waters, and a time of terribly difficult decision-making. If a state has healthy cities, the state itself will be healthy."

Mayor Finkbeiner released the following statement: "In a time of great need and limited resources in Ohio and Toledo, we need to focus our investments and efforts on transportation, housing, workforce development, innovation, and education. And we need to adopt a policy of collaboration, both with the state government and the local governments that adjoin the major cities of Ohio."

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