



ZACH KLEIN
COLUMBUS CITY ATTORNEY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, December 1, 2022
Contact: Pete Shipley, 614.965.0203
Email: pjshipley@columbus.gov

Columbus City Attorney Klein Attends NewDEAL Leaders Conference in Washington

*Says conference an opportunity to discuss and find solutions to the important
issues facing Columbus residents*

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today attended the 12th annual NewDEAL Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., where he joined state and local leaders to discuss policy priorities heading into 2023, including strategies to rebuild local infrastructure, reduce inflation and begin to address the shortage of affordable housing. City Attorney Klein spoke at the event, introducing Ohio Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-13) for a discussion on what the midterm election results mean for important public policy initiatives.

“NewDEAL is an opportunity to share the successes we’ve had while finding policy solutions to the issues most important to residents, workers, and businesses owners in Columbus,” said City Attorney Zach Klein. **“Democracy is a team sport, and the more voices we have in the arena, the better we position ourselves to improve government and make real, lasting change in the lives of those we represent.”**

The NewDEAL Leaders Conference aims to reflect on the lessons of the midterm results, and how to shape a pro-growth agenda for 2023 that delivers results for working people and families, including the more than 1 million residents of Central Ohio.

According to NewDEAL, state and local officials continue to remain on the front line to make an impact in the lives of the local communities they represent, from issues of climate and environment and access to reproductive healthcare, to improving education and growing good paying jobs.

Over two-and-a-half days of keynote speakers, interactive panels, and breakout discussions, the NewDEAL Leaders Conference will share best practices for tackling these challenges and more, including a session of the Forum’s Democracy Working Group dealing with the serious threats to American democracy. Discussions will also focus specifically on ongoing opportunities for state and local officials to implement solutions by making the most of funding from the American Rescue Plan, Inflation Reduction Act, and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Speakers at the conference include U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Ohio Congressman Tim Ryan, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Senior Advisor to the President Mitch Landrieu, and other national, state and local leaders,

For more information on the conference, visit <https://newdealleaders.org/events/annual-conference/#overview>

****Editor's note: [photos from the conference are attached.](#)***

###