



# CITY OF LIMA

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Lima City Council  
50 Town Square  
Lima, OH 45801

Re: Accept Donation for the 9/11 Memorial Foundation

Dear Council:

The Mayor has authorized legislation to accept a donation from the 9/11 Memorial Foundation. This donation, which includes artifacts from all three sites affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001, is a significant contribution to our community's remembrance and unity.

The planned display within the Southeast corner of the Greater Lima Region Park and Amphitheater will provide a meaningful space for reflection and education, ensuring that the sacrifices made on that day are never forgotten. With the 9/11 Memorial Foundation taking responsibility for the work required to properly display the artifacts, this project will be realized with care and respect.

Beyond serving as a memorial, this initiative aligns with our city's commitment to fostering an inclusive and engaged community—a place where people from all walks of life feel connected and valued. The presence of these historical artifacts will offer a powerful opportunity for learning, dialogue, and remembrance, strengthening the sense of belonging among residents and visitors alike.

We appreciate City Council's support of this legislation and the invaluable addition it represents to our community. Thank you for your time and dedication to the well-being and enrichment of our city.

Sincerely,

Reviewed:

Amy Harpster  
Public Works Director

Meri Foster  
Director of Finance

Approved:

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Sharetta T. Smith, JD, MBA  
Mayor