Smart Growth America
1707 L Street NW, Suite 250
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Selection Committee:

As Mayor Elect for the City of Tulsa and current City Councilor, I am writing in support of the application to Smart Growth America for free technical assistance in 2017 for "Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health" and "Fiscal Impact Analysis" workshops.

In 2014, I was selected to participate in the Moneyball for Government Fellowship Program, a project designed to bring greater efficiency to limited local government budgets through increasing the use of data, evidence, and evaluation when spending taxpayer money. I support efforts that find ways to reduce duplication, save taxpayer resources, and improve the quality of the services we provide for Tulsa families.

With the approval by Tulsa City voters for the renewal of a 15-year sales tax to allocate to the Vision Tulsa plan, a number of new economic development projects will be underway and supported by city leadership. Vision Tulsa was a culmination of discussions by city leaders and the public to improve overall quality of life for all of our citizens.

Within Vision Tulsa Citywide and Route 66 Beautification and Reinvestment project was created by some of my fellow City Councilors and fully supported by all. With these technical assistance workshops, we can better allocate these funds to have the greatest impact in our community, especially in areas that are currently underserved.

The City of Tulsa is committed to implement any suggestions that result from the technical assistance provided by this program to maximize the impact of these tax dollars. We look forward to the recommendations from the Smart Growth Technical Team. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

G.T. Bynum
Mayor Elect, City of Tulsa