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Smart Growth America
1707 L Street NW, Suite 250
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Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing support of our application to Smart Growth America for free technical assistance in 2017 through the "Planning for Economic and Fiscal Health" and "Fiscal Impact Analysis" workshops.

In April 2016, the Tulsa City voters approved the renewal of a one-penny 15-year sales tax. The plan, Vision Tulsa, was a culmination of discussions by city leaders and the public that continues City investment in economic development projects that will keep Tulsa competitive and garner tremendous dividends for our city. Our City is going to be safer, stronger, and more resilient with the strides we are making as a community.

One goal my administration shares with the Tulsa City Council is to ensure we are guaranteeing the highest and best use of citizens' tax dollars - and that work will continue with the Vision Tulsa program. This technical assistance can help plan for the direction of those dollars allocated to citywide beautification and reinvestment and ensure an equitable impact in our community in the future. While positive change has occurred in our urban core, Tulsa still faces challenges.

The City of Tulsa has a great record of implementing programs and grants and we are prepared and committed to immediately begin implementing any recommendations that result from the technical assistance provided by this program. Our objective is to support sustainable economic development and job growth and look forward to input from the Smart Growth Technical Team. We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this application.

Best Regards,



Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr.
Mayor, City of Tulsa