

## Annex E: City of Cleveland Letter Requesting EMAC



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The Honorable Governor John Kasich  
Riffe Center, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6117

Dear Honorable Governor Kasich:

I am sending this correspondence to request the activation of the Emergency Mutual Aid Compact (EMAC) under R.C. 5502.40 by declaring an emergency for a limited period of time for the reasons outlined below.

As you are aware, the City of Cleveland is hosting the 2016 Republican National Convention (RNC) scheduled to commence on July 17, 2016 and to conclude on July 21, 2016. Approximately 50,000 visitors are anticipated. This event has been declared a National Special Security Event (NSSE) due to the events significance to the United States, the inherent challenges of ensuring the safety and security of all event participants as well as the general public due to the large number of visitors expected, and the heightened potential for terrorism and extended illegal civil disobedience or other criminal activity. As an NSSE, the U.S. Secret Service is the authorized lead for the design and implementation of the RNC and, with the assistance of the FBI and FEMA, for the security of the candidates. The City of Cleveland is charged with all other security for the event including the securing and coordination of outside law enforcement assistance.

Due to the large number of additional law enforcement personnel needed for the event, the City of Cleveland requires the assistance of law enforcement officers in agencies outside the State of Ohio in addition to those in the State of Ohio that can commit officer assistance. Many out-of-state agencies have already offered such assistance and, in some cases, certain equipment. The Emergency Mutual Aid Compact (EMAC) enacted in R.C. 5502.40, and enacted in every other state, provides for mutual aid between the states for such events and addresses important mutual aid issues such as out-of-state officers' duties, rights, and privileges. The EMAC is activated by the Governor of the requesting state declaring a state of emergency and then requesting the assistance of other states.

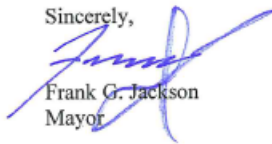
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The City of Cleveland is prepared to enter into agreements with the law enforcement agencies in the various states that will include provisions for reimbursement of certain personnel costs and travel expenses. In addition the City will be providing food and lodging for out-of-state officers.

The City respectfully requests that you declare an emergency for the limited period commencing on July 16, 2016, which is the Saturday before the commencement of the actual event, and concluding on July 22, 2016, the Friday after the anticipated conclusion of the actual event or, in the event the RNC has to be extended to complete selection of the party's candidate, the day after such conclusion. In addition, the City requests that pursuant to Article IV of the EMAC that you authorize the same arrest authorities for out-of-state officers that Cleveland Police Officers have under Ohio law.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any additional questions you can contact me directly or my Chief of Government & International Affairs, Valarie J. McCall at 216-664-3544 or via email at [vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us)

Sincerely,



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Mayor