

Gaydosh Twinsburg Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Lawsuit

- **The Problem:**

- For over a decade, the Twinsburg CIC has been able to pursue redevelopment plans for the Twinsburg downtown area with little oversight from Twinsburg Council – let alone the broader public
- Without any formal approval of its plans or pre-authorization, the Twinsburg CIC has sought to purchase properties surrounding the Old School property and market those & the Old School property to developers
- The Twinsburg Charter does not mention the involvement of a Twinsburg CIC, but rather assigns development planning and execution authority to the Twinsburg Planning Commission and the Twinsburg Department of Community Planning and Economic Development, respectively.
- Further, the Twinsburg Council since 2013 has not passed any ordinances designating the Twinsburg CIC as its agent, approving any of its development plans, nor authorizing it to sell Twinsburg property.
- In sum, the Twinsburg CIC is a rouge entity using public monies (approximately \$100,000 per year) to pursue development of the Twinsburg downtown without any public oversight and involvement.

- **Goals of Lawsuit:**

- First, the Lawsuit seeks an injunction from the Summit County Court to stop Twinsburg from applying funds to the Twinsburg CIC and to declare the Twinsburg CIC's incorporation to be in violation of Twinsburg's Charter
- If the Court finds that the Twinsburg CIC is not allowed by Twinsburg's Charter, then the Twinsburg CIC would have to be dissolved and its property/assets transferred to the City of Twinsburg.
- Second, if the finds that the Twinsburg CIC is allowed by Twinsburg's Charter, then the Lawsuit seeks an injunction ordering Twinsburg to designate the Twinsburg CIC as an agent and enter into an agreement with it to draft a development plan and market its properties for the Twinsburg CIC to be able to continue its present activities under its Downtown Redevelopment Plan.
- If the Court gives that injunctive relief, then at least Twinsburg Council's delegation of authority to the Twinsburg CIC can be subject to public comment at Council Meetings and a potential referendum petition as well.