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**STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED MEDICAL MART LAKEFRONT SITE
BE “PICKED AS BACK-UP”**

Quoting James McCafferty, County Administrator

“On behalf of the Cuyahoga County Commissioners, the County would like to state unequivocally that the reporting by the Plain Dealer, that the proposed lakefront site was “picked” as the back-up site for the Medical Mart/Convention Center, is completely erroneous.”

“The only authority to approve a site at this time rests solely with the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners. I assure you that no such action has taken place. The Commissioners’ provisional choice of the Mall Site still requires engineering confirmation, but we are confident that the work done by MMPI, to this point, with regard to the Mall site and the “bathtub” issue, is solid and will withstand scrutiny. There are no current plans for any other site selection activity around Medical Mart/Convention Center.”