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City Attorney Zach Klein kicks off Block by Block neighborhood safety meeting series in Linden

Says that series will travel to every corner of the city to provide updates and get feedback from residents on safety and quality of life issues

COLUMBUS, OH—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein kicked off his spring community safety meeting series Wednesday in Linden, which brought together members of the City Attorney’s Office Property Action Team and Prosecution Division, Columbus Division of Police and Code Enforcement to provide updates and hear from residents about the important issues in their neighborhoods.

“We know that folks are busy, and everyone can’t make it down to City Hall. That’s why it’s important for series like these so we can get out into the community, provide critical information and hear from residents about any concerns they have in their neighborhoods when it comes to safety and quality of life issues,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“Our kickoff event in Linden was a great conversation, and I’m looking forward to meeting and hearing from residents at our upcoming events throughout the city.”**

Wednesday’s event was the first of six public meetings held by the City Attorney’s Office, one in each of the city’s police zones. The Linden-area meeting brought together residents of Linden, Milo-Grogan, the Near East side and North Central Columbus, where they heard from city officials who have boots on the ground in each of these neighborhoods.

City Attorney Klein, as well as representatives from the City Attorney’s Office, CPD, and Code Enforcement, provided updates on area crime statistics and prevention measures, highlighted key wins to clean up neighborhood blight and eyesore properties, detailed anti-domestic violence initiatives, and shared information on lawsuits led by the City Attorney’s Office to keep federal funding and resources to improve the quality of life in Linden and other nearby neighborhoods. Residents were also able to ask questions and get more information on projects and programs in their neighborhood.

“We heard from residents who love their neighborhoods and are invested in improving the quality of life, from tackling vacant and abandoned properties to cleaning up litter and addressing juvenile crime,” added City Attorney Klein. **“It’s important that we not only hear**

this feedback but direct it to the appropriate authorities so that we can make real progress on the issues that matter most to the residents and families in these neighborhoods.”

The next meeting in the Block by Block series will be held Wednesday, March 11, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Metropolitan Library’s Northern Lights branch, which is located at 4093 Cleveland Ave, Columbus, Ohio, 43224. Information on additional future meetings in the series will be announced soon.