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MEMO

Date: March 5, 2007

To: Mayor Kalb

From: Chris Payton / CBO

Re: Columbia Music Hall

Dear Mayor;

This memo is in response to Mr. Scott's implications of wrongdoing and mistreatment by the Engineering and Fire Departments.

The revised plans that were approved by our Plans Examiner Mr. Asebrook dated August 25, 2002 clearly states 920 people for the occupant load. A notice of violation issued for expired permits dated March 1, 2004 was faxed to Mrs. Scott's office this document also contained the same information as the 2002 Certificate of Plan Approval stating an occupant load of 920 people.


The 920-occupant load number is the number that the Architect and our Plans Reviewer had agreed upon based on a formula used in Chapter 34 of the Ohio Basic Building Code for existing building. Speaking for Captain Raison and myself he and I have never nor have any authority to change the occupant load number.

Mr. Allen has met with Mr. Asebrook directly on the plan approval process. Myself, Bill Craig, Larry Justice and Captain Raison inspect and approve out in the field what is on the approved plans.

I cannot speak for Mr. Allen except to say that he was the designer and agreed to the plan approval as our records indicate there were no request to appeal any plan approval items.

If Mr. Allen and Mr. Scott did not communicate clearly on the process that is a business matter between the parties and has absolutely nothing to do with the city.

Sincerely;


Paul C. Payton
Building Official