

## CARMEN ROBERTO

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio State Bar Association founded in 1880, is a voluntary association representing approximately 25,000 members of the bench and bar of Ohio as well as nearly 4,000 legal assistants and law students. Through its activities and the activities of its related organizations, the OSBA serves both its members and the public by promoting the highest standards in the practice of law and the administration of justice.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Carmen Roberto, will become president of the Ohio State Bar Association on July 1, 2010. Mr. Roberto currently practices with the downtown Akron law firm of Bernlohr Wertz in criminal defense and civil litigation; and

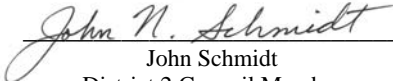
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Roberto has served as the president of the Akron Bar Association (1995-96), has served on the Ohio State Bar Association Board of Governors, is a former prosecutor, assistant law director and law director (appointed at the age of 28 by Mayor Robert J. Quirk) for the City of Cuyahoga Falls (1978-82); and

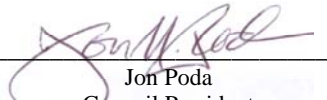
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Roberto, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, holds a bachelors degree in English and Speech from the University of Connecticut and a law degree from the University of Akron and enjoys lobbying on behalf of his profession, most recently asking Ohio Representatives and Senators in Washington, D.C. for more federal aid for legal-aid societies – which provide legal services to low-income people; and

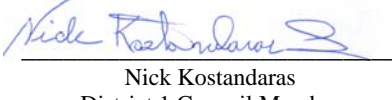
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Roberto as state bar president will continue to lead the association's effort to end the election of Ohio Supreme Court justices and replace it with a merit system selection, and monitor the association's finances while advocating for programs such as increasing the racial, socioeconomic and gender diversity of the legal profession.

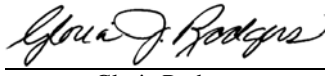
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, that: this Council recognizes the personal dedication, hard-work, and commitment to justice Mr. Carmen Roberto has provided to the County of Summit; and with great pleasure we commend him for his upcoming appointment as president of the Ohio State Bar Association.

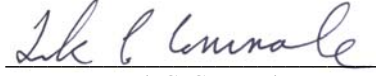
We urge all citizens to join in honoring this upstanding, distinguished and dedicated man in receiving his commendation this 21st day of June in the year 2010.

  
John Schmidt  
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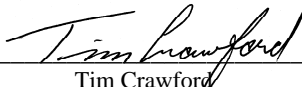
  
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