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### **Matthew J. Borges, Roetzel's Government Relations Director, Awarded Proclamation by Cleveland City Council Members**

On August 12, 2014, in a brief ceremony at Roetzel's Cleveland office, **Matthew J. Borges**, Roetzel's Government Relations Director and Chair of the Ohio Republican Party, was presented with a Proclamation thanking him for his role in bringing the 2016 Republican National Convention to the City of Cleveland.

The Proclamation, awarded to Borges by **Kevin Kelley**, Cleveland City Council President and Councilman **Martin Sweeney**, described Borges' contributions during the host-city selection process and thanked him for his role as advocate in bringing the convention to Cleveland. Kelley remarked that, "Landing a national convention is equivalent to a grand slam in baseball. From an economic perspective, a national convention is better for a city than winning a bid to hold either a World Cup or the Olympics." Financial experts estimate that the overall financial boost to the local economy will exceed \$400 million.

Borges, in accepting the proclamation, heaped praise upon Cleveland's city leadership, the host committee members and Clevelanders themselves. "It's been a remarkable experience and Cleveland put on an extraordinary presentation. At the end of the day, the other cities just couldn't compete with the facilities that we can offer downtown and at the Q – the city was able to show that it would be ready to go from day one."

Sweeny credited "a great collaborative effort by the Republican Party, the City of Cleveland and its business leaders" for the success of the campaign to bring the convention to Cleveland.

Elected Chair of the Ohio Republican party in 2013, Mr. Borges brings 20 years of political experience to Roetzel's Government Relations and Public Law team of professionals. Said **Lewis W. Adkins, Jr.**, Practice Group Manager for the firm's Public Law, Regulatory and Finance team, "Matt is a true asset to our firm. As a veteran participant and advisor to many successful political campaigns at the local, state, and national levels, he has built a strong political network throughout Ohio and across the United States."

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