



Dear Neighbor,

Happy first full month of summer! This July, we celebrate Independence Day, a holiday we spend with loved ones. This nation was founded upon the ideals of freedom, dignity, and opportunity, values that we should all embrace and celebrate. The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of why this country, and state, is such a special place. While we should all celebrate with cookouts and pool parties, we should also remember the sacrifices and struggles in our continuing journey towards equality.

Last month, House Democrats passed House Bill 2, the state 's biennial state capital budget. The record-setting \$6.2B investment makes appropriations for state-owned infrastructure, colleges, universities, and school districts as well as other community projects.

"One of the biggest capital budget bills ever passed. I am excited to bring over \$34 million to Summit County including \$12 million for House District 33," said **Rep.** Veronica Sims.

The \$34M of funds will be distributed to several local entities, including:

Akron University: \$17,237,372

Cascade Plaza: \$5,000,000

Akron Zoo: \$2,000,000

Legacy Building Project: \$400,000

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep33@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 644-6037. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns!

Register to Vote! Make your voice

Are you or do you know a recent graduate? Will you be 18 before the November election? Need to register to vote? Follow the QR code below to make your voice heard in the next upcoming election!



Rep. Veronica Sims Fights to Put People First

Rep. Sims Announces \$620K **Investment for Safe Routes to School Program**

COLUMBUS - State Rep. Veronica Sims (D- State Rep. Veronica Sims (D-Akron) **Akron)** announced Summit County is one of 19 counties in the state of Ohio to receive federal funds to support projects focusing on the safety of children who walk or bike to school. The Ohio Department of Transportation is awarding the funding as part of its Safe Routes to School **program**, which supports education initiatives and builds infrastructure such as sidewalks and enhanced pedestrian crossings. This year, the program is funding 29 projects in 19 counties.



Rep. Sims Speaks at Juneteenth **Press Conference**

speaks during the OLBC Juneteenth press conference about HB 514. The bill, joint sponsored by Rep. Cecil Thomas (Cincinnati), aims to expand the annual jury source list to include both current voter rolls and certified names provided by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to help ensure greater diversity and representation of underrepresented groups, i.e., Blacks and other groups of color.



Rep. Sims in the District 33







Rep. Sims (D-Akron) honored to join US Congresswoman Emilia Sykes (OH-13) and US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg for a presentation and roundtable at the International Union of Operation Engineers Local 18 for a critical discussion on the importance of a workforce development, vibrant apprenticeship programs and strong infrastructure.

Rep Sims (D-Akron) enjoys Community Day at the Akron Zoo – Annual Neighborhood Block Party. Family & friends, great food, and lots of fun fun fun!