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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Groundbreaking Ceremony for Parking Garage Planned Thursday**

SPRINGFIELD, OH (June 24, 2019) — A groundbreaking ceremony for the downtown parking garage will take place Thursday, June 27, at 2 p.m.

“Having centralized, available parking downtown is a must for further growth: it will accommodate new employees and visitors to downtown Springfield and incentivize further development in the area,” said Kyle Koehler, Representative for the 79<sup>th</sup> district of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Construction will begin this month on the three-story parking garage that will have up to 305 parking spaces and more than 3,000 square feet of first-floor retail space to face the existing storefronts on Fountain Avenue.

“We have experienced some challenging times in the last several years, and we met those challenges by standing and working together,” said Springfield City Manager Bryan Heck. “It is that brand of collaboration that helps us build a brighter future that which makes our community strong.”

In addition to Heck and Rep. Koehler, invited guests include:

- Warren Copeland, Mayor, City of Springfield
- Bob Hackett, Senator for the 10th district of the Ohio Senate
- Melanie Wilt, Clark County Commissioner
- Larry Wakefield, Vice President of Business Affairs, Clark State Community College
- Horton Hobbs, Vice-President, Economic Development, Chamber of Greater Springfield
- Michael Grietzer, Executive Director, SpringForward
- John McKinnon, Consultant, Clark Schaefer Hackett
- Linc Ketterer, Sr. Vice President, Dugan & Meyers

The \$7 million project is a joint effort between the City of Springfield, Clark County, Clark State Community College, Community Improvement Corporation and SpringForward. Dugan and Meyer, based in Columbus, will build the structure.