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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024

**EXPRESSING** the support of Council for Ohio House Bill 263, referred to as the “Senior Property Tax Freeze,” that would enact section 4503.0612 of the Revised Code to authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes owned by seniors.

WHEREAS, H.B. No. 263, as introduced, will freeze property taxes for eligible seniors across Ohio who are over the age of 70, earn under \$70,000 per year, own a home with a value less than \$1,000,000, and have lived in the home for a minimum of ten years; and

WHEREAS, as H.B. No. 263 continues to move through the Ohio House of Representatives with bipartisan support, it is expected that the qualification requirements will be amended to require a lower income threshold, fewer years in the house, a lower property value, and a minimum age of 65; and

WHEREAS, H.B. No. 263 will hold local government entities and school districts harmless and offer reimbursement for lost revenue in the same manner as the Homestead Exemption; and

WHEREAS, over one dozen Ohioans and groups testified in favor of the property tax freeze for seniors, including the Council on Aging of Southwest Ohio, the statewide Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging, and the Ohio Poverty Law Center; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That this Council hereby expresses support for Ohio House Bill 263 and strongly encourages the Ohio 135th General Assembly to pass this legislation to protect senior citizens from increasing property taxes.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy of the resolution be transmitted to Ohio Representatives Dani Isaacsohn and Thomas Hall.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney