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City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

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## MOTION

We MOVE that the Administration prioritize the following Housing Security & Economic Opportunity Strategic Investment Plan in the FY2024 City Budget with funds resulting from the CY2024 Tentative Tax Budget:

### Housing Security for Cincinnati Families:

#### **Access to Counsel:**

Providing on-going Legal Assistance & Emergency Rental Assistance in partnership with external agencies for Cincinnati residents experiencing eviction from non-payment. This program will work with Cincinnati residents experiencing hardships to ensure they have access to appropriate legal assistance through the eviction process and provide resources to qualifying residents to cover emergency temporary rental assistance.

#### **Tenant Protections & Reduced Blight - Strategic Code Enforcement Unit:**

Expand the Residential Rental Inspection Pilot Program to address issues with problematic multi-family rental properties and single-family home conversion to rental properties. This program would include tighter enforcement to prevent property degradation and reduce the overall attractiveness of Cincinnati's market to large-scale single-family home rental investment while protecting tenants' quality of life.

Enhance the ability of inspectors to Increase Litter & Blight Enforcement through coordination with the Law Department's Quality of Life Team to better build and pursue cases against prominent and repeat offenders.

Protect Tenants in Multi-Family Units from Displacement by providing inspectors additional capacity to abate nuisance conditions in multi-family buildings by focusing on conditions that lead to displacement (ex. Loss of heat) before they worsen.

Create new capacity to allow B&I to Proactively Address Nuisance Conditions through repairs in cooperation with property owners that would otherwise cause displacement and recoup those funds via assessments back on the property owner.

**Home Enhancement Loan Program (HELP) for Low- & Moderate-Income Homeowners:**

Paired with our successful HARBOR Grant Program which is targeted towards very-low-income homeowners, the Home Enhancement Loan Program should provide 0% interest home rehabilitation financing for eligible low & moderate income homeowners to make needed home repairs and improvements. This program would be run in partnership with community financing institutions.

**Growing Cincinnati's Workforce & Economic Opportunity:**

**Youth Employment – Career Pathways:**

Additional ongoing and sustainable revenue for expanded year-round Youth Employment programming, including bringing lifeguard pay to the competitive \$16 an hour wage as a tool to ensure more City pools are open and serving our communities.

**Neighborhood Business District Project Support:**

Paired with additional CDBG investments in operating support for CDCs and non-competitive project support for lower-income neighborhoods that need investment the most, this Neighborhood Business District Project Fund will provide increased and sustainable funding directly for improvements to neighborhood business districts.

**Improved Service Delivery:**

Additional resources for code enforcement will provide additional capacity for more responsive permitting inspections citywide, thereby speeding up underway projects across our city from new small businesses to new housing opportunities.

**Cities For Financial Empowerment Fund Project Implementation:**

Through our partnership with the Bloomberg Philanthropies' affiliated Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, the City will reserve resources for pilot projects to implement upcoming Blueprint recommendations in programs that build financial security for low-income and working Cincinnati families.

We FURTHER MOVE that the Administration bring Council a report & recommendation on detailed funding and implementation of these programs before April 15, 2023.

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