

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

RECOGNIZING Kevin Finn and the staff of Strategies to End Homelessness as a 2024 Housing Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for being a housing champion for Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities dedicated January as Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Finn and the Strategies to End Homelessness staff have been shepherds of systematic change in Cincinnati working to limit evictions, homelessness, and overall housing insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finn is the founding President and Chief Executive Officer of Strategies to End Homelessness Inc., which was founded by Mr. Finn in 2007 and leads a coordinated system of care for the homeless community throughout Cincinnati and Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, working with thirty non-profit organizations, Strategies to End Homelessness coordinates a centralized emergency shelter hotline, homeless prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter, and provides housing solutions; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Strategies to End Homelessness became one of only fourteen organizations in the country named by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as a unified Funding Agency, a title which is earned through strength in data, efficacy in managing funds, and an exceptional capacity in stewarding available resources; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finn and Strategies to End Homelessness are nationally renowned for their work in Cincinnati and Hamilton County, being called to speak at conferences across the country about data-driven solutions to the homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finn's dedication to ending homelessness is reflected in his service on the State of Ohio's Interagency Council on Homelessness, the City of Cincinnati's Police Chief's Advisory Board, the City of Cincinnati's Community Development Board, and multiple strategic planning and steering committees; and

WHEREAS, due to the dedicated hard work of Mr. Finn and Strategies to End Homelessness staff, the organization was awarded a total of \$2.1 million through the Impact Award from the City of Cincinnati, which will allow Strategies to End Homelessness to work collaboratively with Bethany House, Found House, Legal Aid, and the YWCA to use data analytics to prevent evictions and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finn and his organization are reshaping how the City of Cincinnati, the State of Ohio, and the country is fighting housing insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Strategies to End Homelessness and the leadership of Mr. Finn will continue to be a strong community partner and leader as Cincinnati strives to stabilize the City's housing ecosystem; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize Kevin Finn as a 2024 Housing Month honoree for being a housing champion for Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Kevin Finn through the office of Councilmember Meeka Owens.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka Owens