

May 11, 2026

To: Members of the Budget, Finance & Governance Committee
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202601556
Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – CMO: Solicit and Accept Donations for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monument Unveiling**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the City Manager’s Office to solicit and accept monetary and in-kind donations from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. monument unveiling ceremony; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the funds donated to the City for this purpose into Special Events Fund 314 revenue account no. 314x8571.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager and employees of the City Manager’s Office to solicit and accept monetary and in-kind donations from the Cincinnati business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. monument unveiling ceremony. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the funds donated to the City for this purpose into Special Events Fund 314 revenue account no. 314x8571.

A new statue honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is soon to be unveiled. The monument will further cement Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s enduring impact on the City of Cincinnati and its residents and serve as a powerful symbol of justice, equality, and the ongoing pursuit of nonviolent change.

Acceptance of donations to support the unveiling of the monument to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to solicit and accept donations for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. monument unveiling ceremony.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director



Attachment