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Councilmember Anna Albi Budget Policy Motion for FY26 Budget

We believe Cincinnati's greatest days are still ahead, and we are in the midst of a Queen City Renaissance. Cincinnati is leading the way with world-class events such as BLINK and Oktoberfest Zinzinnati, a dynamic art scene and a skyline bursting with colorful murals, and vibrant parks, including our award-winning Smale Riverfront Park.

While growing our city is a top priority, our greatest responsibility as a City Council is to cultivate and maintain a safe community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. To do that, we must ensure our residents are paid enough to afford a roof over their heads, fresh food on the table and access to healthcare. Additionally, we must continue to use an equitable, data-driven and human-centric approach to invest at the grassroots level into community-based programs that serve those most in need.

Operating:

- Fund ACT for Cincy violence reduction portfolio and action teams
- Establish a hate incident reporting portal through 311 platform
- Increase funding for Human Services Fund above the 1.5% threshold to account for reform with leverage support categories
- Invest in community engagement and outreach, including the opt-in text messaging pilot
- Fund an additional full-time employee to support the Office of Human Services
- Continue funding for the Police Department Victim Liaison Unit led by Karen Rumsey
- Continue funding for the Emergency Communication Center's Alternative Response to Crisis (ARC) and Community Responders teams
- Continue funding for the Boots on the Ground and Safe and Clean grant programs
- Continue funding for Award-Winning Rec at Night and explore opportunities for expanded youth programming through the Recreation Commission
- Continue support for Community Councils and Community Budget Requests (CBRs)
- Expand Career Pathways to increase additional departments and kinds of roles and continue support for Building Futures program through the Urban League

Capital:

- Establish a sidewalk repair pilot program through Cincy on Track funding
- Increase funding for the Neighborhood Catalytic Capital Improvement Program, with priority given to neighborhoods experiencing the most gun violence to support ACT for Cincy
- Establish a fund for nonprofit community development projects to apply for capital funding
- Continue funding for the Affordable Housing Leveraged Fund through the Cincinnati Development Fund with increased emphasis on development projects aimed at 60 AMI and below



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