

# City of Cincinnati



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## MOTION

**WE MOVE** that City Hall lights remain on overnight between January 19 and January 20, 2020 to celebrate the peaceful transfer of power of the President of the United States of America.

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## Statement:

Official governmental buildings throughout the United States are being encouraged to be illuminated overnight between January 19 and January 20, 2020 by the 59th Presidential Inaugural Committee.

City Hall, with its longevity and cultural majesty, symbolizes our Community. Since its completion in 1893, 22 US Presidents, 13 Republicans and 9 Democrats, have succeeded each other, always through a peaceful transition that is the hallmark of American democracy. President Joe Biden will be the 23rd President whose inauguration will be witnessed by City Hall.

The Presidential inauguration also comes two days after our Country celebrates Martin Luther King Day on January 18 with a "Day of Service" that encourages all Americans to volunteer to improve

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their communities. This year's celebration will also usher a major milestone in American democracy with the election of the first woman, the first African American, the first Asian American, as vice president. It continues the goal of our Founding Fathers to create a more perfect Union.

Illuminating City Hall between Martin Luther King Day (January 18) and Inauguration Day (January 20) creates a bridge between these two days and reminds us that it is only with bridge building between each other that we continue to make progress as a society.

At a time of political, social, health and economic challenges not seen for several generations, Inauguration Day is a reminder of unity of purpose for all Americans and an example of democratic principles for the entire world.