City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

CALENDAR

Cincinnati City Council

Thursday, January 22, 2026 | **2:00 PM** | **Council Chambers, Room 300**

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FILING OF THE JOURNAL

MAYOR AFTAB

City Planning Commission

1. 202600105 **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Anna Albi to the City Planning Commission as the Member of Cincinnati City Council. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board

2. 202600106 **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Rickell Howard Smith to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

3. 202600116 **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Sara Sheets to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

4. 202600121 **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Tianay Amat to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) Board of Commissioners

5. 202600173 **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Shawna Daniel to the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) Board of Commissioners for a term of five years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA).

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: Mayor

Housing Advisory Board

6. 202600108 **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Dave Roberts to the Housing Advisory Board for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

7. 202600110 **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Susan Thomas to the Housing Advisory Board for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

Cincinnati Board of Health

8. 202600109 **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Dr. Santosh Menon to the Cincinnati Board of Health for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AI)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council

9. 202600127 **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Councilmember Mark Jeffreys to the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments for a term of one year. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors

10. 202600133 **REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint Key Beck to the Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors for a term of two years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (They/Them/AA)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

Cincinnati Elections Commission

11. 202600137 **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Andria Carter to the non-party affiliated seat of the Cincinnati Elections Commission for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

Board of Downtown Cincinnati Special Improvement District

12. 202600141 **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Liz Keating to the Board of Downtown Cincinnati Special Improvement District for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

Recommendation CONFIRM

Sponsors: Mayor

Income Tax Board of Review

13. 202600189 **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Timothy C. Miller to the Income Tax Board of Review, pursuant to Section 311-97(a)(vii) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, to temporarily replace Board Member Matthew Lake due to a conflict of interest. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: Mayor

MS. KEARNEY

14. 202600187 **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** support of the Mayor and Council of the Ohio Commission for the United States Semi quincentennial (American250-OH) to celebrate Ohio's contributions to the United States on its 250th anniversary.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: Kearney

MR. WALSH

15. 202600196 **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Julie Calvert and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Ms. Calvert's leadership and commitment to adding vibrancy to Cincinnati through her work at Visit Cincy.

Recommendation PASS

Sponsors: Walsh

MS. OWENS

MR. JEFFREYS

16. 202600150 **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens and Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration prepare a report by March 1st, 2026 updating the Council on all active LEED Tax Abatements. **FURTHER WE MOVE** that the Administration provide statistics on the amount of LEED tax abatements that have been amended or canceled since passage of the original ordinance in 2007 (Ord. 446-2007) and since the 2023 revision (Ord. 106-2023).

Recommendation BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Owens and Jeffreys

MR. JEFFREYS

17. 202600192 **MOTION,** submitted by Councilmember Jeffreys, **WE MOVE** that, the Administration issue a report within sixty (60) days that: Outlines traffic citations overall and by neighborhood for 2025, and update the same for the previous four years. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Recommendation PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Jeffreys

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. JOHNSON

18. 202600193 **MOTION,** submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Johnson, **WE MOVE** that, the Administration issue a report within sixty (60) days that: Outlines traffic citations overall and by neighborhood for 2025, and update the same for the previous four years. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Recommendation PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Jeffreys and Johnson

MR. JEFFREYS

MR. CRAMERDING

MR. NOLAN

MR. OWENS

MS. ALBI

MR. WALSH

19. 202600188 **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Cramerding, Nolan, Owens, Albi and Walsh, **WE MOVE** for City Council to begin the annual review of the City Manager. The review will be based on the ten categories listed below and will follow the timeline listed below. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Recommendation BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Jeffreys, Cramerding, Nolan, Owens, Albi and Walsh

CITY MANAGER

20. 202600056 **REPORT**, dated 1/22/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Sawyer Point Summer Concert Series.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

21. 202600154 **REPORT**, dated 1/22/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Holy Grail Block Party.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

22. 202600155 **REPORT**, dated 1/22/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Heart Mini Marathon 2026.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

23. 202600159 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $8,740 from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Capital Fund capital improvement program project account no. 756x300x0000x7634x213354, "Grandin Ln/Grandin Rd/Torrence," to United Title Services, LLC as a moral obligation for title services for water main infrastructure improvements in Hyde Park provided after January 1, 2025.

Recommendation BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

24. 202600160 **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to $263,250 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, which are estimated at $526,500; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26VEST.

Recommendation BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

25. 202600163 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the reappointment of Van Lee Sullivan to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Trans,Non-Binary/White)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: City Manager

26. 202600164 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the reappointment of Rico Blackman to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Male/Black)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: City Manager

27. 202600165 **REPORT**, dated 1/22/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for 2026 AfriFest Taste of Africa.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

28. 202600166 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the reappointment of Kylie Johnson to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Female/White)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: City Manager

29. 202600168 **REPORT**, dated 1/22/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Best of Taste Food Trucks.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

30. 202600171 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of $1,325.58 to Broadcast Music, Inc. from Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges for music licensing services.

Recommendation BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

31. 202600172 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the "Gilbert Avenue Safety Project"), a two-mile long Complete Street along Gilbert Avenue beginning at Court Street and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to $3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

Recommendation BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

32. 202600176 **ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into and execute a Funding Agreement, in substantially the form of Attachment A hereto, to enable the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District to develop the revenue and capacity to operate, maintain, repair, and replace the Mill Creek Local Flood Protection Project when it is completed and turned over to the district by the United States Army Corps of Engineers; **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of up to $1,500,000 from Stormwater Management Enterprise Fund 107; and **DECLARING** the project to be for a public purpose.

Recommendation BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Sponsors: City Manager

33. 202600178 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Michael Roman to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Male/Indigenous)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: City Manager

34. 202600179 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Yasmine Allen to the Environmental Advisory Board for a one year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Female/Black)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: City Manager

35. 202600180 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Carla D. Walker to the Environmental Advisory Board for a two year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Female/Black)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: City Manager

36. 202600181 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Megan O'Keefe to the Environmental Advisory Board for a three year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Female/White)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: City Manager

37. 202600182 **APPOINTMENT** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/22/2026, recommending the appointment of Briana Mazzolini-Blanchard to the Environmental Advisory Board for a two year appointment. This appointment is submitted to the City Council for its approval. (Female/Indigenous)

Recommendation HOLD ONE WEEK PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF COUNCIL

Sponsors: City Manager

CLERK OF COUNCIL

38. 202600151 **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Theodore Heckmann, Government Affairs, Vice President, 3730 Sunburst Rdg, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248. (ALTAFIBER)

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

39. 202600152 **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 255 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (SANTA MARIA COMMUNITY SERVICES)

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

40. 202600153 **REGISTRATION**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 255 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. (SANTA MARIA COMMUNITY SERVICES)

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

41. 202600156 **REGISTRATION-UPDATED**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Chase Mosijowsky, Government Affairs, Advocacy & Health Policy Manager, 3200 Burnet Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

42. 202600158 **REGISTRATION-UPDATED**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Candace Sabers, Government Affairs, Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, 625 Eden Park Drive, 1ST Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

43. 202600167 **REGISTRATION-UPDATED**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Matt Davis, Government Affairs, Founder, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

44. 202600169 **REGISTRATION-UPDATED**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Colleen Reynolds, Government Affairs, Partner, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

45. 202600170 **REGISTRATION-UPDATED**, submitted by the Clerk of Council from Legislative Agent Annalese Cahill, Government Affairs, Government Relations Manager, 225 E Fifth Street, Suite 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Recommendation FILE

Sponsors: Clerk of Council

BUDGET, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

46. 202600078 **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Albi and James, **WE MOVE** that the administration work with Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) to report back within 60 days to identify which specific CRC locations are not eligible for being childcare facilities today. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Recommendation ADOPT

Sponsors: Jeffreys, Albi and James

47. 202600073 **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Vice Mayor Kearney, and Councilmembers Jeffreys, Cramerding, Nolan, Walsh, Albi and James, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration and the Cincinnati Police Department provide an update on all $5.42 million allocated in Motion #202501648 "Cincinnati's Increased Investment in Public Safety" approved on September 10, 2025. **FURTHER WE MOVE** that the Administration provide the update to the committee on Budget, Finance and Governance on January 26, 2026.

Recommendation ADOPT

Sponsors: Owens, Jeffreys, Cramerding, Nolan, Walsh, Albi, James and Kearney

48. 202600058 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 2-2025 to provide funding to the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation for remediation services at the West Fork Incinerator site.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

49. 202600059 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the payment of $136,586.53 from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7289 to University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC for paramedic training and related services provided to the Cincinnati Fire Department in the final months of FY 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

50. 202600060 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $16,032.96 to Mike Albert Leasing, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7419 as a moral obligation for passenger van rentals in July 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $5,911.36 to T-Mobile USA from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7212 as a moral obligation for cellular services provided between March 2025 and August 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $4,805.67 to Hamilton County from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5100x7289 as a moral obligation for services provided at the Emergency Operations Center in July 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $4,020.82 to ESO Solutions, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7418 as a moral obligation for electronic health record data extraction performed in May 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $3,850.00 to Bowling Green State University from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7215 as a moral obligation for training registration in February 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $7,173.68 to 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment Holdings, LLC from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4300x7364 as a moral obligation for fire recruit gear purchased in

April 2025; and **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $5,000 to Joy Outdoor Education Center from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4200x7289 as a moral obligation for Fire Cadet programming in June 2025.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

51. 202600072 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $857.06 to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to music licensing services.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

52. 202600061 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 231-2025 to include the purchase or construction of solar facilities related to the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the former Center Hill Landfill as authorized uses of bond issuance.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

53. 202600062 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, “Center Hill Solar Power Array,” to provide for the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of $475,400 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261029, “Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives,” to Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of $6,325,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x261055, “Strategic Property Acquisition: Health,” to Public Building Improvement Bond Fund 861 to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of $12,100,400 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, “Center Hill Solar Power Array,” according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation; and **DECLARING** expenditures for the Center Hill Solar Power Array serve a public purpose by expanding opportunities for renewable energy generation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Cincinnati.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

54. 202600063 **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 1/14/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of $1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide resources for team building and promotional events in the Cincinnati Fire Department;

AUTHORIZING the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of $1,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7200 for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events.

Recommendation PASS EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Manager

55. 202600074 **REPORT**, dated 1/14/2026, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding the Department of City Planning and Engagement Zone Change process time. (Reference Document # 202501273)

Recommendation APPROVE & FILE

Sponsors: City Manager

20260105

AFTAB PUREVAL

City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

January 2026

APPOINTMENT

I hereby appoint Anna Albi to the City Planning Commission as the Member of Cincinnati City Council. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

Mayor Aftab Pureval

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AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

202600102

January 2026

REAPPOINTMENT

I hereby reappoint Rickell Howard Smith to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Board for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

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MM 00114

AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

January 2026

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202600121

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AFTAB PUREVAL
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January 2026

APPOINTMENT

I hereby appoint Shawna Daniel to the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) Board Of Commissioners for a term of five years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

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AFTAB PUREVAL
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2026001108

January 2026

APPOINTMENT

I hereby reappoint Dave Roberts to the Housing Advisory Board for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

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202600109

AFTAB PUREVAL
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January 2026

APPOINTMENT

I hereby appoint Dr. Santosh Menon to the Cincinnati Board of Health for a term of three years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

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202600127

AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

January 2026

REAPPOINTMENT

I hereby reappoint Councilmember Mark Jeffreys to the Ohio Kentucky Indiana Regional Council of Governments for a term of one year. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

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202600133

AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

Jan 2026

REAPPOINTMENT

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202600137

AFTAB PUREVAL
City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

January 2026

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I hereby appoint Andria Carter to the non-party affiliated seat of the Cincinnati Elections Commission for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

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202600141

January 2026

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I hereby reappoint Liz Keating to the Board of Downtown Cincinnati Special Improvement District for a term of four years. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules.

Mayor Aftab Pureval

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City of Cincinnati, Office of the Mayor

202600189

January 2026

APPOINTMENT

I hereby appoint Timothy C. Miller to the Income Tax Board of Review, pursuant to Section 311-97(a)(vii) of the Cincinnati Municipal Code, to temporarily replace Board Member Matthew Lake due to a conflict of interest. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its rules and shall terminate upon resolution of the conflict.

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city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

202600187

Date: January 22, 2026

To: Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW

Subject: **Resolution – Supporting America 250 Committee**

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

> **EXPRESSING** support of the Mayor and Council of the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250-OH) to celebrate Ohio's contributions to the United States on its 250th anniversary.

EESW/KKF(dbr)
Attachment
4910-9649-9590

KKF

EESW

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2026

EXPRESSING support of the Mayor and Council of the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250-OH) to celebrate Ohio's contributions to the United States on its 250th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature and the Governor created AMERICA250-OH in 2021 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, Ohio's integral role in that event, and the role of its people on the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, AMERICA250-OH hopes to engage all Ohioans and all 88 counties through their many signature and officially recognized programs, projects, and events over the next several years by inspiring future leaders and celebrating all Ohioans' contributions to the nation over the last 250 years; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of this AMERICA250-OH resolution, Council hopes to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That this Mayor and Council support and endorse AMERICA250-OH and its mission to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate every Ohioan in every county.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be provided to the AMERICA250-OH Commission.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

2026 00196

Date: January 22, 2026

To: Councilmember Seth Walsh

From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor EESW

Subject: **Resolution – Recognizing Julie Calvert**

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

> **RECOGNIZING** Julie Calvert and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Ms. Calvert's leadership and commitment to adding vibrancy to Cincinnati through her work at Visit Cincy.

EESW/KKF(dbr)
Attachment
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RESOLUTION NO. _____- 2026

RECOGNIZING Julie Calvert and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Ms. Calvert's leadership and commitment to adding vibrancy to Cincinnati through her work at Visit Cincy.

WHEREAS, Julie Calvert's work throughout her career has grown the size and impact of the region's travel, tourism, and convention industries contributing immensely to the vibrancy of our city and region; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Calvert led an award-winning team at Visit Cincy that attracted high impact meetings and events to Cincinnati through her work with civic and business leaders to establish and promote Cincinnati's reputation as a world-class destination; and

WHEREAS, prior to her appointment as the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of Visit Cincy, Ms. Calvert served as the founding Executive Director of Source Cincinnati (Cincinnati Experience), where she led the charge to elevate Cincinnati and its story into the international spotlight; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Calvert participates as an inaugural member on the Hamilton County Commission on Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Calvert's work on the Cincinnati Music festival has led to over 80,000 people a year visiting Cincinnati, ninety percent of which are from outside of the city; and

WHEREAS, the recent re-opening of the Cincinnati Convention Center and the revitalization of the Convention Center District was accomplished by the efforts of Ms. Calvert and her peers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Calvert has been recognized with various awards for her work including, the Cincinnati Business Courier's "Women Who Mean Business," Corporate & Incentive Travel's "Women Who Lead," Black Meetings & Tourism Magazine's Apex Award Winner, .and Cincinnati Chapter of Public Relations Society of America's PR professional of the year; and

WHEREAS, after 25 years with Visit Cincy, including eight years serving as the CEO, Ms. Calvert's work will be continuously appreciated; 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 Julie Calvert for her leadership and commitment to adding vibrancy to Cincinnati through her work with Visit Cincy.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Ms. Calvert through the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Seth Walsh

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202600150

Meeka D. Owens
Cincinnati City Council

January 14th, 2026

MOTION: Review of LEED Tax Abatements

WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare a report by March 1st, 2026 updating the Council on all active LEED Tax Abatements.

FURTHER WE MOVE that the Administration provide statistics on the amount of LEED tax abatements that have been amended or canceled since passage of the original ordinance in 2007 (Ord. 446-2007) and since the 2023 revision (Ord. 106-2023).

Meeka D. Owens

Councilmember Meeka D. Owens

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202600192

Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember

Motion: 2025 Traffic Enforcement Review

January 20th, 2026

WE MOVE that, the Administration issue a report within sixty (60) days that:

- Outlines traffic citations overall and by neighborhood for 2025, and update the same for the previous four years;
- Shares how many 'traffic blitzes' there were in 2025 and the number of citations and stops for each traffic blitz;
- Outlines plans for 'traffic blitzes' and other plans for traffic enforcement in 2026;
- Shares the number of crashes that CPD responded to on Interstate Highways (I-74/75/71) within city limits in 2024 & 2025, including the total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) hours spent responding to those crashes and the subsequent follow-up.

STATEMENT

Speeding in the City of Cincinnati remains a challenge across neighborhoods. While City Council has invested significant funds in traffic calming measures such as speed humps and bump outs, enforcement of traffic laws is still needed in our neighborhoods. This report will help inform the public and City Council of what has been done and what the plans are for 2026.

Mark Jeffreys

Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

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202400193

Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember

Motion: Youth Football Field Support

January 20, 2026

WE MOVE that, within 60 days, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) identify 2-3 sites in the City of Cincinnati that can be dedicated for Youth Football Leagues practices and games, as well as any funding that may be needed. The report should include consideration regarding the feasibility of hosting games and/or practice at the Cincinnati Police Department's Training Academy when the field is not in use.

STATEMENT

The City of Cincinnati has dedicated baseball and soccer fields within the city, but we do not have dedicated fields for Youth Football. There are fourteen (14) youth football teams in the City of Cincinnati each with ~100 kids. These teams are mostly staffed with volunteers who piece together funding and dedicate hours of their time to coaching the teams and young athletes. Some teams have space to practice and play games, but others, especially those serving less affluent neighborhoods, do not. For example, teams such as the Evanston Bulldogs carve out space at Owl's Nest Park and/or Evanston Playground. There is an option of playing on Cincinnati Public School fields, but that is cost prohibitive for most teams to rent that space.

Other cities such as Columbus and Dayton have dedicated Youth Football Fields within their city that include a field for practices and playing games, bleachers for family/friends, restrooms, overhead lights to allow for evening games, etc.

This motion asks that CRC to identify 2-3 sites for dedicated Youth Football fields and funding needed for them. This dedicated space will support teams that are serving the less affluent neighborhoods of Cincinnati give children in those neighborhoods the opportunity to better their circumstances and learn the positive benefits that come with team sports and football.

Additionally, The Cincinnati Police Department's Training Academy, located in Lower Price Hill, has a field that is occasionally used by community members for various activities, such as physical training and family football games. Community members can reach out with requests to

use the field when it's not being utilized by CPD, and they are asked to sign a waiver. This could be an exciting collaboration between CPD and the community, while also providing a sense of safety at youth football events. With this in mind, it is essential that CPD's training remains uninterrupted, as officers in training require best-in-class instruction.

Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

Councilmember Scotty Johnson

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20260001408

Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember

Motion: City Manager Review

January 20th, 2026

WE MOVE for City Council to begin the annual review of the City Manager. The review will be based on the ten categories listed below and will follow the timeline listed below.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Manager provides Council with a self-evaluation, including the ten categories listed below and specific goals.

WE FURTHER MOVE that Councilmembers communicate to internal and external stakeholders to provide informal feedback to use for their own evaluation of the City Manager.

STATEMENT

This motion is to begin with the annual City Manager review. Based on the ten categories (see below) the City Manager will provide a self-evaluation to Council following the timeline (see below). Councilmembers are encouraged to communicate with internal and external stakeholders to gain informal feedback. This will be used to aid them with their own evaluation of the City Manager.

EVALUATION CATEGORIES:
Budget Priorities:

1. Public Safety & Health
2. Growing Economic Opportunities
3. Thriving Neighborhoods
4. Fiscal Stability
5. Excellent & Equitable Service Delivery

Council Priorities:

1. Management: recruitment, retention, employee morale, major hires
2. Leadership: ability to prioritize, delegate, and lead
3. Government Efficiencies: remove unnecessary bureaucracy, move projects forward, use data-driven approach
4. Relationship with Council and Mayor
5. Communication Skills: internal and external

PROPOSED TIMELINE

- Monday, January 26th, 2026: Budget & Finance Committee: Council considers the City Manager's End of Year Report (File #202502136) in executive session.
- Monday, February 2nd, 2026: Budget & Finance Committee: Council enters executive session to discuss review.
- Monday, February 9th, 2026: Budget & Finance Committee: Council enters executive session to discuss review (TENTATIVE).
- Monday, February 23rd, 2026: Budget & Finance Committee: Deliberate and release final report of the City Manager Review publicly.

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: January 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600056

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: Sawyer Point Summer Concert Series**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Gage Bradford has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): Cincinnati Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Parks Department, Department of Building and Inspections, Department of Community and Economic Development, Department of Finance, Department of Public Services, and Department of Transportation and Engineering. There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE:	Sawyer Point Summer Concert Series
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER:	Cincinnati Parks
CONTACT PERSON:	Gage Bradford
LOCATION:	705 E Pete Rose Way
DATE(S) AND TIME(S):	5/30/26 1200-2300, 7/3/26 1200-2300, 8/7/26 1200-2300
EVENT DESCRIPTION:	All day music festival with children's activities and ceremony honoring veterans
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE:	1,500
ALCOHOL SALES:	☐ YES. ☐ NO

TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS: To be determined

cc: Lieutenant Colonel Adam D. Hennie, Interim Police Chief

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: January 22, 2026

202600154

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: (Holy Grail Block Party)**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; (Lori Sazarulo) has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): ((Cincinnati Fire Department, Metro, Cincinnati Police Special Events Unit, Cincinnati Police District One, Traffic and Engineering Department, Traffic and Road Operations Department and The Health Departmentdepartments which have reviewed). There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE:	Holy Grail Block Party
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER:	Holy Grail
CONTACT PERSON:	Jim Moehring
LOCATION:	151 Joe Nuxhall Way
DATE(S) AND TIME(S):	8/1/26 (2pm to 8pm)
EVENT DESCRIPTION:	Community event to drive traffic to the Banks/DORA area
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE:	800
ALCOHOL SALES:	☒ YES. ☐ NO.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS: (identify, if "YES" is checked above)

cc: Lieutenant Colonel Adam D. Hennie, Interim Police Chief

Form 17SEPAR (Revised 12/25, Replaces 01/23)

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: January 22, 2026

202600155

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: Heart Mini Marathon 2026**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Lori Salzarulo has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): Cincinnati Fire Department, Metro, Cincinnati Police Special Events Unit, Traffic and Engineering Department, Traffic and Road Operations Department and The Health Department. There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE:	Heart Mini Marathon 2026
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER:	American Heart Association
CONTACT PERSON:	Lori Salzarulo
LOCATION:	317 E 5th St
DATE(S) AND TIME(S):	3/15/2026 0700-1400
EVENT DESCRIPTION:	American Heart Associatio's Heart Mini Marathon 10k,5k and walk
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE:	20,000
ALCOHOL SALES:	☐ YES. ☒ NO.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS:

cc: Lieutenant Colonel Adam D. Hennie, Interim Police Chief

city of CINCINNATI
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600159

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Law: Moral Obligation Payment to United Title Services, LLC**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $8,740 from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Capital Fund capital improvement program project account no. 756x300x0000x7634x213354, "Grandin Ln/Grandin Rd/Torrence," to United Title Services, LLC as a moral obligation for title services for water main infrastructure improvements in Hyde Park provided after January 1, 2025.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes a payment of $8,740 from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Capital Fund capital improvement program project account no. 756x300x0000x7634x213354, "Grandin Ln/Grandin Rd/Torrence," as a moral obligation to United Title Services, LLC for title services for water main infrastructure improvements in Hyde Park provided after January 1, 2025.

The Real Estate Division of the Law Department authorized services from United Title Services, LLC under Professional Services Work Order Agreement (MAC0001923) pursuant to Master Agreement 55X0012 to provide title reports for 26 properties for the Grandin Road Water Main Replacement project (WW003937) for Greater Cincinnati Water Works. The agreement expired on January 1, 2025, but United Title Services, LLC did not complete the title reports by that date and continued to provide title services in the absence of an agreement. Sufficient resources are available in Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Capital Fund capital improvement program project account no. 756x300x0000x7634x213354, "Grandin Ln/Grandin Rd/Torrence," to make the payment.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to United Title Services, LLC for outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

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AUTHORIZING a payment of $8,740 from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Capital Fund capital improvement program project account no. 756x300x0000x7634x213354, "Grandin Ln/Grandin Rd/Torrence," to United Title Services, LLC as a moral obligation for title services for water main infrastructure improvements in Hyde Park provided after January 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Real Estate Division of the Law Department authorized services from United Title Services, LLC under Professional Services Work Order Agreement (MAC0001923) pursuant to Master Agreement 55X0012 to provide title reports for 26 properties for the Grandin Road Water Main Replacement project (WW003937); and

WHEREAS, the agreement expired on January 1, 2025, but United Title Services, LLC did not complete the title reports by that date and continued to provide title services in the absence of an agreement; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Capital Fund capital improvement program project account no. 756x300x0000x7634x213354, "Grandin Ln/Grandin Rd/Torrence," to pay United Title Services, LLC for the services rendered; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay $8,740 to United Title Services, LLC as a moral obligation for title services for water main infrastructure improvements in Hyde Park provided after January 1, 2025; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $8,740 from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Capital Fund capital improvement program project account no. 756x300x0000x7634x213354, "Grandin Ln/Grandin Rd/Torrence," to United Title Services, LLC as a moral obligation for title services for water main infrastructure improvements in Hyde Park.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to United Title Services, LLC for outstanding charges in a timely manner.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

city of CINCINNATI
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600160

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Ordinance – Police: Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to $263,250 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, which are estimated at $526,500; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26VEST.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to $263,250 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, which are estimated at $526,500. This Ordinance further authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26VEST.

The FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607) is available through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with a maximum allowable reimbursement amount of up to fifty percent of the departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, up to a maximum of $263,250. The departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor is expected to be $526,500 for the next two fiscal years.

The City applied for this grant prior to the deadline of December 19, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by the City Council.

There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant, and no matching funds are required.

Acceptance of this grant is in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

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

Attachment

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WHEREAS, a grant is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with a maximum allowable reimbursement of up to fifty percent of the departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor in Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, up to $263,250; and

WHEREAS, the departmental expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor is expected to be $526,500 for the next two fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for this grant prior to the grant application deadline of December 19, 2025, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant; and

WHEREAS, reimbursing the Cincinnati Police Department expenditure for bulletproof vest body armor in accordance with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-162 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2025 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program (ALN 16.607), to provide the Cincinnati Police Department with reimbursement of up to $263,250 for bulletproof vest body armor expenditures for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, which are estimated at $526,500.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant funds into Law Enforcement Grant Fund 368, project account no. 26VEST.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600164

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Board (Van Lee Sullivan)

The City Manager hereby recommends the reappointment of **Van Lee Sullivan** to the **Environmental Advisory Board.**

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues in the city, serve as a public advocate for the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES), and assist OES in implementing the recommendations of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

This reappointment will be for a term of three years (January 2026 through December 2028).

Cc: Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment and Sustainability

Van Lee Sullivan

[redacted]

Selected Professional Experience

Green Umbrella—Senior Director of Programs, Cincinnati OH *Jun 2023 – Present*
Climate Action Director *Mar 2022 – May 2023*
Climate Policy Lead *Dec 2020 – Mar 2022*

- Current lead of the Greater Cincinnati Regional Climate Collaborative, Co-Director of Climate Safe Neighborhoods Partnership with GroundworkORV, Green Umbrella lead for Green Cincinnati Plan Equity Committee, and Co-Chair of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments Network
- Oversee elected official education/engagement, training 48 regional candidates on climate platforms as of 05/2023
- Secured $1,007,459 of personnel funds and $1,243,882 of implementation funds for our region since 12/2020
- Highlighted Green Umbrella's Climate Action through 12+ major media hits, hosted 22 events reaching 1,000+ attendees, and invited to speak at 33 engagements across the country that reached 2,100+ attendees as of 05/2023
- Manage internal evaluation and engagement work with contract partners, Data Bloom and CitizenLab
- Actively participate in internal Compensation and Organizational Strategy working groups in order to advance equitable HR practices and workflows, and align programmatic work for greatest impact

City of Cincinnati—Climate and Community Resilience Analyst, Cincinnati OH *May 2019 – Dec 2020*

- Co-led the development and launch of three low-income multifamily energy efficiency programs; established partnerships, perform technical analysis, manage implementation and metrics/budget dashboard, draft web/media copy
- Author of $10K National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Urban Heat Island Community Science grant; coordinated campaign to collect data that will support a regional urban heat island map
- Author of $10K National League of Cities 2020 Resilience Cohort grant; led Climate Safe Neighborhoods work
- Led research, coordinated 40+ stakeholders, authored submission for Cincinnati's LEED for Cities Silver certification
- Led Cincinnati's participation in the Climate Disclosure Project's 2020 Sustainable Finance Cohort

Environmental Resilience Institute—Resilience Toolkit Coordinator, Bloomington IN *Jan 2019 – Aug 2020*

- Worked as part of the Policy and Implementation Team to develop and launch climate change resilience resources relevant to local governments in Indiana and the Midwest.
- Supported development and management of the Environmental Resilience Institute Toolkit, led the design of the Beat the Heat program, and supported the design of the Hoosier Resilience Index
- Led pilot project with O'Neill School - coordinated 12 local governments to participate in case studies with graduate-level students; established ongoing partnership between ERI staff and O'Neill professors

Indiana University—Graduate Research Assistant, Bloomington IN *Aug 2018 – May 2019*

- Research Group: Just Energy Transition advised by Dr. Sanya Carley and Dr. David Konisky
- Co-developed ICMA survey for city/county leadership on impacts from and preparedness for the energy transition
- Conducted research and outreach to study the presence of and work by frontline sustainability and justice groups in the US, and future opportunities through the Green New Deal to strategically support these groups; published work

City of Cincinnati—Sustainability Fellow, Cincinnati OH *Jan 2018 – Aug 2018*

- A primary author for the following successful grants/awards: $2.5M American Cities Climate Challenge Award, USGBC Sustainability and Energy Smart Award, Engaging Local Government Leaders 'Best Water Project'
- A primary author for the 2018 Green Cincinnati Plan; created data and chapters with community-driven solutions; created metrics dashboard to foster accountability, track progress, and calculate greenhouse gas emissions savings
- Service position via Public Allies Cincinnati; service projects completed for The Welcome Project and Co-op Cincy

Rural Action—Regional Economic Development & Strategy Associate, Athens OH *Nov 2016 – Nov 2017*

- Supported 10-county community wealth assessment using the Community Capitals Framework; literature review, evidence-based research, metrics development, report design, case study preparation

- Worked with local and state-based stakeholders to expand Americorps VISTA programs in Appalachia OH
- Service position via Ohio Community Development Corporation Association Americorps VISTA program

ACS Green Chemistry Institute—Research Associate, Washington DC *Sept 2013 – Sept 2015*

- Led research and developed metrics for GCI initiatives; disseminated content through articles, webinars, presentations
- Recruited key stakeholders, created content, led meetings and strategic planning, and fundraised for: NSF Student Workshop, $10K Green Chemistry Business Plan Competition, Biochemical Technology Leadership Roundtable
- Convened collaborations between Industrial Roundtables and supported technical projects; managed Roundtable finances (>$500K/year); assisted with marketing and events; completed Standard Operating Procedures
- Crafted content strategy for newsletter editorial calendar, social media, webinars, and other communications; directed daily social media, increasing Twitter followers by over 200% and Facebook by 250% during my tenure
- Served as a technical resource to the stakeholder community and ACS GCI staff; traveled domestically and internationally as spokesperson to present at and participate in meetings, symposia, and conferences

Abt Associates—Research Assistant, Bethesda MD *April 2012 – Sept 2013*

- Produced data, analysis, reports, proposals for EPA's Climate Change and Pollution Prevention & Toxics departments
- Outreach coordinator for U.S. EPA Presidential Green Chemistry program: led national chemistry conference presence and evaluated impacts; managed budget; developed outreach materials; recruited program participants
- Managed database of technical, environmental, economic impacts for U.S EPA Presidential Green Chemistry awards

City of Oberlin —Sustainability Intern, Oberlin OH *Sept 2009 – May 2011*

- Co-author of 'City of Oberlin Climate Action Plan' draft, which revamped energy-portfolio to 85% renewable by 2015
- Conducted research for 50 municipal sustainability strategies and analysis of greenhouse gas reductions
- Received American Public Power Association DEED Award and Joyce Gorn Memorial Prize for my accomplishments

Selected Publications & Presentations

- "2022 Climate Equity Benchmarking Analysis Report," Green Umbrella, Pub. 2022
- Even, T. L., Trott, C. D., Gray, E. S., Roncker, J., Basaraba, A., Harrison, T., Petersen, S., **Sullivan, S.**, & Revis, S. (2021). Climate Equity Indicators Report - 2021, City of Cincinnati.
- "Supporting Frontline and Vulnerable Communities in a Green New Deal," Public Administration Review, Pub. 2019
- "2018 Green Cincinnati Plan," City of Cincinnati, Pub. 2018
- "Green Chemistry in Action," Div. of Chem. Ed., 250th ACS Ntl. Meeting, Boston MA, 2015
- "City of Oberlin Climate Action Plan," City of Oberlin, Pub. 2011

Education

- **Indiana University—O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs**, Bloomington IN *May 2020*
  Degrees: Master of Public Affairs (MPA) & Master of Science in Environmental Science (MSES)
  Concentration: Environmental Justice & Community Resilience (self-designed)
  Selected Coursework: Urban Development and Racial Inequalities, Planning for Climate Change and Resilient Urban Communities, Environmental Justice Seminar, Energy Policy Seminar, Food Systems and Community Resilience, Conservation Planning, Climate Change Impacts on Natural Resources
  Awards: MPA-MSES Scholar Award ('18-'20), Bonser Fellow ('18-'19), Scott Chilcote Fellow ('19-'20)
- **Oberlin College**, Oberlin OH *May 2011*
  Degree: B.A. Economics, Environmental Studies
  Awards: Joyce Gorn Memorial Prize for outstanding off-campus environmental project ('11), American Public Power Association DEED Scholar ('09-'11), John F. Oberlin Merit Scholar ('07-'11), Springman Merit Scholar ('07-'11)

Skills

- Software: Python, R, STATA, SAS, ArcGIS, Office Suite, Photoshop, Social Media, Google Analytics
- Others: grant writing, strategic planning, public speaking, facilitation, data analysis/management, technical writing/editing, research design, content development, community/media outreach, social media, event planning

Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600164

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Board (Rico Blackman)

The City Manager hereby recommends the reappointment of **Rico Blackman** to the **Environmental Advisory Board.**

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues in the city, serve as a public advocate for the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES), and assist OES in implementing the recommendations of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

This reappointment will be for a term of three years (January 2026 through December 2028).

Cc: Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment and Sustainability

Rico Blackman

Director Of Community Organizing

Contact

Address

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Phone

[redacted]

E-mail

[redacted]

Skills

- Recruitment
- Effective leader
- Written Communication
- Social media
- Policy and procedure adherence
- Strategic planning
- Budgeting
- Relationship building
- Grant writing

Progressive Organizer well-versed in organizational and representational issues to lead Housing campaigns. Specialize and assists in human rights activities to recruit, coordinate and engage large mobilizations toward action. Self-motivated and disciplined in planning and tracking priorities and works flexible hours, including evenings and weekends to accomplish goals. Dedicated Community Organizer with 3 years of empowering underserved cultures and interests by communicating with local and state governments. Skilled at connecting organizations with powerful allies to solicit real change and effective action. Known for bringing diverse groups together to achieve universally beneficial goals. Organized and dependable candidate successful at managing multiple priorities with a positive attitude. Willingness to take on added responsibilities to meet team goals.

Work History

2022-03 - Current

Director of Community Organizing

Greater Cincinnati Homeless Organization, Cincinnati, OH

- Cultivated and strengthened lasting client relationships using strong issue resolution and dynamic communication skills.
- Negotiated price and service with customers and vendors to decrease expenses and increase profit.
- Managed assignments to stay organized and meet tight deadlines.
- Conducted meetings with clergy, community leaders and organizational ally leadership.
- Coordinated community activities with staff and multiple campaign teams.
- Developed and implemented comprehensive state and local policy campaigns to advance worker power.

2020-06 - Current

Executive Director

Black Power Initiative, Cincinnati, Ohio

- Fostered work culture of collaboration and inclusion to increase morale and reduce turnover.
- Aligned department vision, goals, and objectives with company strategy to achieve consistently high results.

- Drove strategic improvements to enhance operational and organizational efficiencies.
- Built relationships with donors, government officials and other organizations to secure funding and support for organization.
- Worked closely with organizational leadership and board of directors to guide operational strategy.
- Created promotional materials and provided insightful information to social media, websites and print media to educate public.
- Represented organization to local public by giving presentations and speeches and participating in community events.

2020-01 - 2022-01

Preschool Teacher

Young Scholars Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio

- Maintained well-controlled classrooms by clearly outlining standards and reinforcing positive behaviors.
- Assisted and supervised [Number] children through entire school day.
- Addressed behavioral and learning issues with parents and daycare management.
- Sanitized toys and play equipment each day to maintain safety and cleanliness.
- Applied play-based strategies to provide diverse approaches to learning.
- Gave one-on-one attention to children while maintaining overall focus on entire group.

Education

2017-01 - 2020-04

Bachelor of Arts: Political Science

Notre Dame College - Cleveland, OH

2023-01 - Current

Master of Arts: Education

Notre Dame College - Cleveland, OH

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: 1/22/2026

202600165

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: 2026 AfriFest: Taste of Africa**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Prince Ellis has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): Cincinnati Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Parks Department, Department of Building and Inspections, Department of Community and Economic Development, Department of Finanace, Department of Public Services, and Department of Transportation and Engineering. There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE:	2026 AfriFest: Taste of Africa
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER:	APNET - African Professionals Network
CONTACT PERSON:	Prince Ellis
LOCATION:	Sawyer Point Park
DATE(S) AND TIME(S):	07/18/2026 11:00am—07/18/2026 9:00pm
EVENT DESCRIPTION:	AfriFest: Taste of Africa is Cincinnati's signature arts and culture festival celebrating African and Caribbean heritage.
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE:	7,500
ALCOHOL SALES:	☒ YES. ☐ NO.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS: APNET - African Professionals Network

cc: Lieutenant Colonel Adam D. Hennie, Interim Police Chief

city of CINCINNATI

Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600179

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Board (Kylie Johnson)

The City Manager hereby recommends the reappointment of **Kylie Johnson** to the **Environmental Advisory Board.**

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues in the city, serve as a public advocate for the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES), and assist OES in implementing the recommendations of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

This reappointment will be for a term of three years (January 2026 through December 2028).

Cc: Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment and Sustainability

KYLIE J. JOHNSON

[redacted]

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Compassionate environmental educator and advocate with 10+ years of non-profit experience working in coalition to advance protection of Ohio's natural resources and create thriving communities. Skilled at designing and implementing outreach programs, building diverse stakeholder relationships, field advocacy, policy research & analysis, equity and inclusion.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ohio Environmental Council **Cincinnati, OH**
Southwest Ohio Regional Director **May 2021 – Present**

- Direct regional strategy to advance policy goals related to climate change, water, land, and democracy.
- Drive long-term local commitments to equitable climate change policies by local governments, organizations, and institutions.

Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati **Cincinnati, OH**
Green Learning Station Coordinator **Aug. 2014 – May 2021**

- Coordinated, directed, and delivered STEM outdoor field trips and classroom & virtual programs for grades K-12.
- Designed, developed, and implemented the Green Girls in STEM year-long program for high school students. Recruited 75+ student participants over 6 years of program.

MyActions, LLC **Cincinnati, OH**
Education & Program Coordinator, Independent Contractor **Jan. 2014 – Aug. 2014**

- Managed an online network to digitally track real-world actions to drive long-term environmental behavior change.
- Program Coordinator for the "One Million Actions for Planet Earth Challenge;" worked directly with 8 national zoos (3,310 participants shared 161,219 positive actions to raise $33,618 for 32 conservation causes).

Alliance for Climate Education (ACE) **Cincinnati, OH**
Education & Leadership Associate **Jul. 2012 – Dec. 2013**

- Presented an award-winning climate science assembly to high school students; 2 million educated nationally.
- Trained and mentored 80+ diverse, climate-driven youth leaders to take both local and national positive action.

EDUCATION

Ohio University, Athens, OH
Master of Science in Environmental Studies

Muskingum College, New Concord, OH
Bachelor of Science in Conservation Science, Minor Political Science

TRAINING

Certified Interpretive Guide, National Association for Interpretation, January 2019

NGICP Certified, National Green Infrastructure Certification Program, November 2017

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Interdepartmental Correspondence Sheet

Date: January 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600168

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: Best of Taste Food Trucks 2026**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Rob Weidle has submitted a Special Event Permit Application Form to the Chief of Police. The Special Event Permit Application has been reviewed by the following department(s): (Cincinnati Fire Department, Metro, Cincinnati Police Special Events Unit, Cincinnati Police District One, Traffic and Engineering Department, Traffic and Road Operations Department and The Health Department). There are no objections to issuing the Special Events Permit.

The particulars of the requested event are as indicated:

EVENT NAME/TITLE:	Best of Taste Food Trucks
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER:	Rob Weidle
CONTACT PERSON:	Rob Weidle
LOCATION:	56 E. Court Street
DATE(S) AND TIME(S):	05/06/26 1000-1400 hrs.
EVENT DESCRIPTION:	Lunch event featuring food trucks participating in Taste of Cincinnati. Truck will be open to the public while participating in the Best of Taste judging.
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE:	1000
ALCOHOL SALES:	☐ YES. ☒ NO.

TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS: (identify, if "YES" is checked above)

cc: Lieutenant Colonel Adam D. Hennie, Interim Police Chief

city of CINCINNATI
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600171

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC): Moral Obligation Payment to Broadcast Music, Inc.**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the payment of $1,325.58 to Broadcast Music, Inc. from Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges for music licensing services.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the payment of $1,325.58 as a moral obligation to Broadcast Music, Inc. for music licensing services.

The City purchases an annual license from Broadcast Music, Inc. to publicly play and provide clearance to over 22.4 million songs in their catalog for all City of Cincinnati departments.

A payment in the amount of $1,325.58 for music licensing services provided to the City of Cincinnati was not properly encumbered on time. To prevent this from happening again, CRC will implement a process to ensure all funds are fully encumbered at the time the agreement is executed, thereby avoiding future discrepancies.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay Broadcast Music, Inc for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

Office of the City Manager, Office of Budget & Evaluation, City Hall Rm 142 Ph 352-3232 Fax 352-3233 C:\Users\bhartman\Downloads\BMI Moral Obligation OrdTrans.docx

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AUTHORIZING the payment of $1,325.58 to Broadcast Music, Inc. from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges for music licensing services.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati purchases an annual license from Broadcast Music, Inc. ("BMI") to publicly play and provide clearance to over 22.4 million songs in BMI's catalog for all City departments; and

WHEREAS, a payment of $1,325.58 for music licensing services provided to the City was not properly encumbered on time; and

WHEREAS, to prevent this from happening again, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission will implement a process to ensure all funds are fully encumbered at the time an agreement is executed, thereby avoiding future discrepancies; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 to pay for these services; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay BMI $1,325.58 for the outstanding charges; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $1,325.58 to Broadcast Music, Inc. from Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Special Activities Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges for music licensing services.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay Broadcast Music, Inc. for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

city of CINCINNATI
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600172

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: FHWA ODOT Grant for Gilbert Avenue Safety Project**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the "Gilbert Avenue Safety Project"), a two-mile long Complete Street along Gilbert Avenue beginning at Court Street and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to $3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the "Gilbert Avenue Safety Project"), a two-mile long Complete Street along Gilbert Avenue beginning at Court Street and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes.
2. The City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to $3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

3. The Director of Finance to deposit resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, “Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756”.

The grant requires matching resources of up to $950,000, which will be provided from resources currently available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242359, “Gilbert Avenue Complete Street” and other anticipated eligible grant resources. There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Providing resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" as well as the strategies to "[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel," and "[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system" as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant resources to meet established project deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

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ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the "Gilbert Avenue Safety Project"), a two-mile long Complete Street along Gilbert Avenue beginning at Court Street and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to $3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756"; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2025, on behalf of the City of Cincinnati, the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT") applied for a grant of up to $3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205) to support the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the "Gilbert Avenue Safety Project"), a two-mile long Complete Street beginning at Court Street to the south and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the north, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes; and

WHEREAS, the City's estimated local match of up to $950,000 will be provided from resources currently available in existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x242359, "Gilbert Avenue Complete Street," and other anticipated eligible grant resources; and

WHEREAS, there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with the acceptance of this grant; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has already applied for the grant on behalf of the City, but no grant funds will be accepted without approval by Council; and

WHEREAS, providing resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" as well as the strategies to "[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel " and "[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system" as described on pages 129-137 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide grant resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project Phase 1 (PID 115756) (the "Gilbert Avenue Safety Project"), a two-mile long Complete Street beginning at Court Street in the south and ending at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in the north, including but not limited to pavement rehabilitation, intersection and traffic signal improvements, bus stop improvements, shortened crosswalks, and protected bike lanes.

Section 2. That the City Manager is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant resources of up to $3,800,000 from the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.205), administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation ("ODOT"), to newly created capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756," to provide resources for the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the grant resources into capital improvement program project account no. 980x233x262346, "Gilbert Ave Safety Phase 1 Rehab PID 115756."

Section 4. That the City Manager is authorized to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT in order to complete the Gilbert Avenue Safety Project.

Section 5. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of the grant and Sections 1 through 4.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the grant resources to meet established project deadlines.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

city of CINCINNATI
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 22, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

202600176

Subject: Ordinance –MVCD Funding Agreement

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into and execute a Funding Agreement, in substantially the form of Attachment A hereto, to enable the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District to develop the revenue and capacity to operate, maintain, repair, and replace the Mill Creek Local Flood Protection Project when it is completed and turned over to the district by the United States Army Corps of Engineers; **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of up to $1,500,000 from Stormwater Management Enterprise Fund 107; and **DECLARING** the project to be for a public purpose.

The Millcreek Valley Conservancy District (MVCD) is an Ohio Conservancy District formed under R.C. 6101 to provide local flood protection, water stewardship, and recreational use along the Mill Creek across municipal and township boundaries stretching from the Hamilton and Butler County line south to the Barrier Dam. MVCD of the local partner U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of over $275 million in Mill Creek Channel flood management improvements (the "Project") following the USACE's imminent completion of construction. The MVCD currently lacks revenue and organizational capacity to meet these responsibilities. This Ordinance is to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Funding Agreement to provide a loan in the amount of up to $1.5 million for MVCD to complete the R.C. 6101 process to approve assessment revenue and to build the organization's capacity to manage the Project.

As background, the City of Cincinnati sits at the confluence of the Mill Creek and the Ohio River, where stormwater from the Mill Creek watershed empties into the Ohio River. Both waterways have experienced historic flooding with significant loss of life and property. In 1938, the City and the USACE entered into an agreement to construct the Barrier Dam Project to protect the Mill Creek valley from inundation when the Ohio River floods. After another devastating flood in 1958, nine local governments, with the support of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, petitioned to form the MVCD in 1962 as a R.C. 6101 Conservancy District to prevent flooding along the Mill Creek in Hamilton County. MVCD and the USACE partnered in the design of the Mill Creek Channel Project, which was comprised of a series of channelization projects, pumping plants, and addition of two pumps at the Barrier Dam to facilitate conveyance of stormwater from the Mill Creek drainage basin to the Ohio River to prevent flooding of upstream communities. The Mill Creek Channel protects over a billion dollars of property and infrastructure from flood damage, including MSDGC's largest sewage treatment plant, a significant railway corridor, a portion of I-75, GE Aviation and P&G facilities, and residences in multiple communities along the creek. In a 1979 agreement,

MVCD also agreed to take over the City's OMRR&R responsibilities for the Barrier Dam in exchange for property for the Mill Creek Channel project.

The MVCD currently is run by a three-member board with no permanent staff, funded by an annual $20,000 contribution from the City of Cincinnati as well as intermittent funding from the Village of Evendale and the City of Sharonville. MVCD has requested support in the amount of $1,500,000 from the City to complete the R.C. 6101 process to approve assessment revenue and to build the organization's capacity to manage the Project upon the USACE's completion of the project. The attached loan agreement provides for a loan to the MVCD of this amount, and the MVCD agrees to: seek support from multiple sources, including the other eight communities that formed the MVCD, to expand the Conservancy District boundaries and levy assessments so that all properties contributing drainage to the Projects (within Hamilton County) share in the cost, and to develop the capacity and revenue to discharge its responsibilities for the OMRR&R of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek Channel projects.

The MVCD has indicated that it will file a petition with the Conservancy court to dissolve the organization if there does not appear to be a path for the organization to become sustainable and able to meet its responsibilities for this significant regional flood protection infrastructure. This would leave the City with ownership, maintenance responsibility, and costs of the portions of the Project within the City. It would also make cross-jurisdictional collaboration for flood management in the Mill Creek Valley more difficult. Finally, there are a number of efforts to improve water quality, recreational and economic development opportunities along the Mill Creek that would face greater challenges to their efforts if MVCD were dissolved.

To ensure that MVCD can take over the OMRR&R responsibilities of the Barrier Dam, the City believes that it is in the best interest of the City to provide financial support in the form of a loan in the amount of $1,500,000 over a maximum of six years from the Stormwater Management Utility budget (Fund 107) in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, attached as Exhibit A.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrea Yang, Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to enter into and execute a Funding Agreement, in substantially the form of Attachment A hereto, to enable the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District to develop the revenue and capacity to operate, maintain, repair, and replace the Mill Creek Local Flood Protection Project when it is completed and turned over to the district by the United States Army Corps of Engineers; **AUTHORIZING** the expenditure of up to $1,500,000 from Stormwater Management Enterprise Fund 107; and **DECLARING** the project to be for a public purpose.

WHEREAS, the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District ("MVCD") is a political subdivision of the state of Ohio created as a conservancy district through the cooperation of Cincinnati, Sharonville, Evendale, Reading, Lockland, Arlington Heights, Elmwood Place, St. Bernard, and Sycamore Township pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 6101 to prevent and control flooding in the Mill Creek Valley in the eighteen miles from the Hamilton County-Butler County boundary southward to the Mill Creek Barrier Dam in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the MVCD and the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") are parties to a 1975 Cooperative Agreement for the USACE to construct the Mill Creek Local Flood Protection Project (then estimated at over $100,000,000) to facilitate conveyance of stormwater from the Mill Creek drainage basin to the Ohio River to prevent flooding of upstream communities within and outside of the City of Cincinnati, and for MVCD, as the local project sponsor, to own and be responsible for property acquisition during construction, and Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Rehabilitation, and Replacement ("OMRR&R") following completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, under a 1979 agreement between the City and the MVCD, the MVCD agreed to assume responsibilities for OMRR&R of the City-owned Barrier Dam upon completion of the Mill Creek project in exchange for the City's transfer of over 100 acres of property for the project at no cost; and

WHEREAS, collectively, the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek project protect tens of thousands of residents and over a billion dollars of residential, commercial and industrial property, railroads, and public infrastructure in multiple communities along the eighten-mile creek from flooding; and

WHEREAS, the USACE has indicated that completion and turnover of the Mill Creek project to MVCD is imminent, at which time MVCD will become responsible for OMRR&R of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek project; and

WHEREAS, currently, the MVCD does not have stable and sufficient funding or organizational capacity to fulfill its OMRR&R responsibilities for the project as it has no permanent staff and is completely reliant on intermittent contributions from the Village of Evendale and the City of Sharonville, and annual contributions from the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the MVCD requires financial assistance to complete an appraisal of benefits, pursuant to R.C. Chapter 6101, to levy an annual assessment on properties benefitted by the flood control project so that it may have stable revenue to become a self-funded and sustainable Conservancy District able and assume its responsibilities for OMRR&R of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek project; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to support the MVCD to expand its boundaries to include properties within Hamilton County that drain to the Mill Creek so that they will share in flood management infrastructure costs, to complete the appraisal of benefits and other steps for Conservancy Court approval to levy assessments, and to develop the capacity and revenue to take care of the OMRR&R of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek project, all in the best interest of the City; now, therefore,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is in accordance with the vision to "[a]ddress climate change and build a more sustainable, equitable, and resilient future" and the strategy to reduce flooding by increasing green infrastructure as described on pages 24 and 140 of Green Cincinnati Plan (2023); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Administration is hereby authorized to execute a Funding Agreement, in substantially the form of Attachment A, and to expend up to $1,500,000 in funds from Stormwater Management Enterprise Fund 107 to support the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District ("MVCD") to become a self-funded, sustainable, and reliable Conservancy District with the goal of taking full responsibility for the Operation, Maintenance, Repairs, Rehabilitation, and Replacement ("OMRR&R") of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek Channel Projects.

Section 2. Financial support is necessary to discharge the City's responsibilities for the OMRR&R of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek Channel projects and that the expenditure of funds serves a public purpose.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to fulfill the terms of Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

Contract no._____

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AGREEMENT
(Mill Creek Valley Conservancy District)

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AGREEMENT ("**Agreement**") is made as of the Effective Date (as defined on the signature page hereof) by and between the **CITY OF CINCINNATI**, an Ohio municipal corporation, the address of which is 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 ("**City**") and **THE MILL CREEK VALLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**, a political subdivision and public corporation of the State of Ohio formed under Ohio R.C. 6101, the address of which is c/o J. Donald Mottley, 41 South High Street, Suite, 1800, Columbus, OH 43215 ("**MVCD**" or the "**District**").

RECITALS:

A. The City of Cincinnati sits at the confluence of the Mill Creek and the Ohio River, where stormwater from the Mill Creek watershed empties into the Ohio River. Both waterways have experienced historic flooding with significant loss of life and property, leading Cincinnati and other local communities to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to construct two local flood protection projects ("**LFPs**" of the "**Flood Protection Projects"**), the Cincinnati LFP (also known as the "**Barrier Dam Project**") and the Mill Creek LFP (also known as the "**Mill Creek Channel Project**").

B. USACE constructed the Barrier Dam Project in 1948 to protect areas adjacent to the Mill Creek against flooding from the Ohio River up to the 1937 flood level of 80 feet. The City and USACE are parties to an agreement for the City to be the local sponsor responsible for maintenance and operation following project completion.

C. Following the 1959 Mill Creek flood, nine local governments, including the City of Cincinnati petitioned to form the MVCD in 1962 as an Ohio Conservancy District under R.C. 6101 to provide local flood protection, water stewardship, and recreational use along the Mill Creek across municipal and township boundaries stretching from the Hamilton and Butler County line south to the Barrier Dam.

D. After extensive study, with nine million dollars in support from Hamilton County and five million from the State of Ohio, MVCD and USACE partnered in the design of the Mill Creek Channel Project, which was comprised of a series of channelization projects, pumping plants, and addition of two pumps at the Barrier Dam to facilitate conveyance of stormwater from the Mill Creek drainage basin to the Ohio River to prevent flooding of upstream communities. Over 96% of the value benefits of the project were projected to be north of the I-75 bridge at Ronald Reagan highway near Cincinnati's northern boundary. MVCD and USACE entered into a 1975 Cooperative Agreement for USACE to construct the project, for MVCD to be the local sponsor for the Mill Creek Channel Project and to be responsible for property acquisition during construction, and Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Rehabilitation and Replacement (OMRR&R) following completion of the Project.

E. Under a 1979 agreement between the City of Cincinnati and MVCD, MVCD agreed to take over responsibilities for OMRR&R of the Barrier Dam Project upon completion of the Mill Creek Channel Project and the City agreed to provide over 100 acres of property for the project at no cost to MVCD.

F. Collectively, the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek Channel protect over a billion dollars of property and infrastructure, and residents in multiple communities along the 18-mile creek from flood damage.

G. The USACE has indicated that it is ready to declare the Mill Creek Channel Project complete and trigger OMRR&R requirements for the MVCD for both the Barrier Dam Project and the Mill Creek Channel Project.

H. MVCD has requested that the City provide financial assistance to complete the R.C. 6101 appraisal of benefits required to levy an annual assessment on benefited properties to enable MVCD to be a

self-funded, sustainable and reliable Conservancy District able to undertake its responsibilities for OMRR&R of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek Channel. The MVCD has indicated that if it fails to obtain assessment revenue, it will not have the funding to meet these critical responsibilities.

I. The MVCD has represented to the City that it is seeking support from multiple sources, including the nine communities that formed the MVCD, to take the necessary steps to become a self-funded, sustainable and reliable Conservancy District, and has requested support from the City's Stormwater Management Utility in the approximate amount of $1,500,000 over a maximum of six years and three phases for this purpose.

J. The City believes that supporting MVCD to expand the Conservancy District boundaries so that properties contributing drainage to the Projects (within Hamilton County) also share in the costs, complete the appraisal of benefits and other steps for Conservancy Court approval to levy assessments, and support MVCD to develop the capacity and revenue to discharge its responsibilities for the OMRR&R of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek Channel LFP projects, is in the best interest of the City. Therefore, the City is agreeable to providing financial support in the form of a loan in the amount of $1,500,000 over a maximum of six years (approximately $500,000 per phase) from the Stormwater Management Utility budget (Fund 301) in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

K. Funding for this Agreement was authorized by Ordinance No. _____-2026, passed by City Council on _____, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the promises, covenants, and agreements herein contained, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. PERFORMANCE. MVCD shall use best efforts to take the necessary steps to expand the Conservancy District boundaries to include the Mill Creek Watershed within Hamilton County, complete the appraisal of benefits and other steps for Conservancy Court approval to levy assessments, and become a self-funded, sustainable, and reliable Conservancy District with the goal of taking full responsibility for the Operation, Maintenance, Repairs, Rehabilitation and Replacement (OMRRR&R) of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek Channel Projects as measured by the performance measures as more fully described in **Exhibit A** (*Performance Measures*).

2. TERM. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall expire following MVCD's full repayment to the City of the Loan Funds (the "**Term**"), unless this Agreement is sooner terminated as provided herein. Either party may terminate the Agreement for convenience upon delivery of written notice of termination to the other party in accordance with Section 5 stating the expiration date of not less than seven (7) days from date of written notice. In the event of early termination, MVCD shall be responsible for repayment of the total Loan Funds received prior to the date of termination, and the repayment provisions of this Agreement shall survive termination.

3. LOAN TERMS AND DISBURSEMENT CONDITIONS. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the City agrees to lend to MVCD an amount not to exceed the sum of one million, five hundred thousand dollars and no cents ($1,500,000) ("**Loan Funds**") to be disbursed over three Phases in the amount of no more than five hundred thousand and no cents ($500,000) per Phase as described in **Exhibit B** over a maximum of six years.

A. **Budgeted and Eligible Expenses.** MVCD shall use the Loan Funds only for the expenses authorized by the City as Eligible Expenses and for no other purpose, in accordance with an annual operating budget approved by the City and the Phases as set forth in **Exhibit B** (*Initial Budget and Eligible Expenses*). Modifications to the budget can be approved by the City at its discretion so long as modification does not exceed the total amount of the Loan Funds.

B. **Disbursement Conditions.** Disbursement of the Loan Funds shall be conditioned on timely performance in accordance with the Performance Measures and Phases as set forth in **Exhibit A** (*Performance Measures*) and be made in accordance with the annual operating budget as approved by the City. In no circumstances shall the City be obligated to disburse any Loan Funds, for expenses other than Eligible Expenses, outside of the approved annual budget and modifications, or in excess of the amount of those actual Eligible Expenses documented to the satisfaction of the City.

1. Initial Advance Payment. MVCD may request an initial advanced payment from the Phase 1 funding in an amount to be approved by the Deputy Director of the City Stormwater Management Utility and GCWW Chief Financial Officer but in no circumstances greater than five hundred thousand and no cents ($500,000.00). The advanced payment request shall be made in writing to the Deputy Director of the City Stormwater Management Utility and include detailed information regarding amount and proposed uses of funds.

2. Conditions Subsequent to Disbursement. The City's disbursement to MVCD of the Loan Funds is subject to the following requirements:

   i. MVCD shall deposit all Funds received directly into a single commercial checking account which shall be used for the receipt and disbursement of Loan Funds received from the City or other sources for the purposes set forth in this Agreement.

   ii. Disbursements made by MVCD shall be by numbered checks drawn on MVCD's commercial checking account or by ACH transactions *provided that* MVCD transaction records clearly indicate the person or entity to which payment was made and the transaction easily can be associated with a particular invoice, receipt, awarded grant, payroll record, contract, or similar record establishing the purpose of the payment.

   iii. No payment shall be made for items designated as ineligible costs.

   iv. MVCD's required reports to the City shall be accompanied by documentation satisfactory to the City indicating expenses incurred and payments made, such as grants awarded, payroll records, invoices, time sheets indicating hours worked, contracts, receipts, canceled checks, carbons of checks or check registers and corresponding bank statements or reasonable facsimiles thereof, and such other information and supporting documentation as the City may require.

3. Reimbursement. MVCD may request disbursement of the Loan Funds during the six years following the Effective Date to be disbursed on a reimbursement basis. The City shall have the sole discretion to deny reimbursement for expenses for activities that are determined by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in conflict with the City's interests. Disbursement requests shall not be submitted more frequently than once a month and shall include invoices and any other documentation of the services, labor, materials, fees or other expenses that the City deems necessary.

C. **Repayment.** MVCD agrees to repay the loan over 16 years at a 0% interest rate with no payments required during the first six years of the Agreement, followed by annual payments equal to 1/10 of the total disbursed balance) for remaining 10 years, or less if MVCD elects to accelerate repayments.

4. PROHIBITION AGAINST PAYING FOR ANY SERVICE RENDERED OR EXPENSE INCURRED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT. The Loan Proceeds provided for by this Agreement may only be disbursed for Eligible Expenses incurred after the Effective Date. No Loan Funds shall be spent for any Eligible Expense incurred prior to the Effective Date without express written approval by the City.

5. NOTICES. All notices shall be personally delivered or sent by U.S. mail addressed to the parties as follows, with an electronic copy emailed to the email address listed below, or addressed in such other way in respect to either party as that party may from time to time designate. MVCD shall promptly notify the City of any change of address. If MVCD sends a notice to the City that the City is in default under this Agreement, MVCD shall simultaneously send a copy of such notice by U.S. certified mail to: City Solicitor, City of Cincinnati, 801 Plum Street, Room 214, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

To the City:	To MVCD:
Arun Hindupur, Deputy Director City of Cincinnati: Stormwater Management Utility 4747 Spring Grove Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 arun.hindupur@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov	MVCD C/O Don Mottley 41 South High Street, Suite 1800 Columbus, Ohio 43215 mottley@taftlaw.com

6. INDEPENDENT STATUS. MVCD shall not be considered to be an officer, agent, servant, or employee of the City. MVCD shall have exclusive control of and the exclusive right to control the details of the activities performed under this Agreement and all persons performing the same and shall be solely responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors, if any. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating a partnership or joint venture between the City and MVCD. No person performing any of the work or services described hereunder shall be considered an officer, agent, servant or employee of the City, nor shall any such person be entitled to any benefits available or granted to employees of the City.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND PROGRAMS. MVCD shall obtain all necessary permits, licenses, and other governmental approvals and shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, and other governmental requirements applicable to the activities under this Agreement, including any and all applicable rules, orders, guidelines, laws, regulations, and binding directives issued by the federal government, the State of Ohio, and/or the City pertaining to the activities under this Agreement.

8. REPORTS, INFORMATION, AND AUDITS.

A. Record Retention. MVCD shall, throughout the Term of this Agreement and for a minimum of 5 years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, keep and retain all accounting, financial, administrative, and operational statements and records pertaining to all matters covered by this Agreement.

B. Access/Right to Inspect and Audit. Upon request during the Term of this Agreement and for a period of 5 years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, MVCD shall permit the City or any designee or auditor to have access to and to inspect and audit all such accounting, financial, administrative and operational books, records, and statements of MVCD that relate or pertain to this Agreement.

9. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement is entered into and is to be performed in the State of Ohio. The City and MVCD agree that the laws of the State of Ohio and City of Cincinnati shall govern the rights, obligations, duties, and liabilities of the parties to this Agreement and shall govern the interpretation of this Agreement. All actions regarding this Agreement shall be brought in the Hamilton County Court of Common

Pleas, and MVCD agrees that venue in such court is proper. The parties hereby waive trial by jury with respect to all disputes arising under the Agreement.

10. WAIVER. This Agreement shall be construed in a manner that a waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute or operate as a waiver of any other breach of such provision or of any other provisions, nor shall any failure to enforce any provision hereof operate as a waiver of such provision or of any other provision.

11. ENTIRETY. This Agreement and the exhibits and attachments, if any, hereto constitute the entire Agreement between the parties as to the matters contained herein. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this Agreement shall be of no force and effect.

12. SEVERABILITY. This Agreement shall be severable, and if any part or parts of this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining parts shall remain binding and in full force and effect.

13. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written agreement duly executed by the parties hereto or their representatives.

14. COUNTERPARTS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in two or more counterparts and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by electronic signature; any original signatures that are initially delivered electronically shall be physically delivered as soon as reasonably possible.

15. EXHIBITS. The following Exhibits are attached hereto and hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement:

Exhibit A **–** *Performance Measures*
Exhibit B -*Initial Budget and Eligible Expenses*

MILLCREEK VALLEY CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

BY: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

ITS: _____

DATE: _____, 2026

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

_____

[CITY SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Executed by the entities below on the dates indicated below their signatures, effective as of the later of such dates (the "**Effective Date**").

CITY OF CINCINNATI

By: _____
Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager
Date: _____2026

RECOMMENDED BY:

_____
Andrea Yang, Executive Director
Greater Cincinnati Water Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

_____
Assistant City Solicitor

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS:

Date: _____

Funding: _____

Amount: _____

By: _____
Steve Webb, Finance Director

EXHIBIT A
PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A. **Purpose**. The Loan Funds shall be used by MVCD for the purpose of becoming a self-funded, sustainable, and reliable Conservancy District with the goal of taking full responsibility for the Operation, Maintenance, Repairs, Rehabilitation and Replacement (OMRR&R) of the Barrier Dam and the Mill Creek Channel Projects and consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

B. **MVCD Responsibilities.**

1. **Quarterly Reports.** MVCD shall provide a written quarterly report to the City documenting its expenditures and progress on the Performance Measures, and providing any other information requested by the City.

2. **Annual Reports.** No later than one month before the end of each year of the Term, MVCD shall provide to the City a report of its activities to date for that year, including but not limited to its cumulative progress towards achieving the above purposes, the Performance Measures, and its expenditures and fundraising for that year, as well as a more detailed plan for the upcoming year including any adjustments needed to its schedule, budget, activities and Performance Measures, and containing such other information and supporting documentation as the City may require.

3. **Meetings.** MVCD shall meet with the City in conjunction with submission of quarterly and annuals reports to discuss progress. Failure to timely meet the Performance Measures or other obligations of this Agreement may be the basis for the City to withhold further disbursement of Loan Funds or to terminate the Agreement with seven (7) days written notice to MVCD.

4. **Performance Measures.** During the Term, MVCD agrees to meet the Performance Measures described below.

a) In **Phase 1**, MVCD agrees to the following Performance Measures:

i. Hire a Director as employee of MVCD to manage MVCD activities, including the activities under this Agreement. The hiring process shall include an interview panel over multiple jurisdictions and the hire must ultimately be approved in writing by the City.

ii. Recommend the appointment by the Conservancy Court of three appraisers to constitute a Board of Appraisers in accordance with ORC 6101.27.

iii. Seek support and additional bridge funding from other political jurisdictions in the Conservancy District (St. Bernard, Elmwood Place, Arlington Heights, Reading, Evendale, Sharonville, Sycamore Township) and the Mill Creek watershed, as well as from Hamilton County, the State of Ohio, the Ohio Water Development Authority, and federal government agencies, and other public and private institutions and foundations.

iv. Evaluate assessment approaches that provide a broad and equitable allocation of the benefits of the Mill Creek Channel and Barrier Dam Projects and minimize the impact of assessments on residential property.

v. Continue to collaborate with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and other organizations for recreational uses of property under MVCD control within the district.

vi. Develop an operations and maintenance budget

vii. Seek meeting with Conservancy Judge to give Judge background information

b) In **Phase 2**, which commences upon completion of Phase 1, MVCD agrees to the following Performance Measures:

i. Develop an appraisal record and obtain Conservancy Court approval in accordance with ORC 6101.31-6101.34.

ii. Develop and submit to the Board of Appraisers a request and recommendation that, in their appraisal of benefits, they include a recommendation to the Conservancy Court to expand the district boundaries to include the Mill Creek watershed within Hamilton County, including the information and analysis necessary for the Board of Appraisers to support such a recommendation in its report to the Conservancy Court under Revised Code Sections 6101.28 – 6101.30 and 6101.42.

iii. Levy an assessment and obtain the confirmation of the Conservancy Court as authorized by ORC 6101 to provide sufficient funding for MVCD operations. The City understands that assessments to fully cover OMRR&R obligations for the Barrier Dam may need to be phased in over time. MVCD shall confer with the City regarding an appropriate phasing-in period.

iv. Engage in outreach to stakeholders and public relations to educate the public and the benefitted properties.

c) In **Phase 3**, which commences upon completion of Phase 2, MVCD agrees to the following Performance Measures:

i. Begin collection of an assessment in accordance with ORC 6101.

ii. Transition to sustainable operations and programming.

iii. Hire full-time staff and arrange operations and maintenance agreements.

Exhibit B

INITIAL BUDGET AND ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Annual Budget: The MVCD has submitted the below budget and description of expenses to the City as its proposed budget and schedule for the six years during which the Loan Funds are disbursed. Modifications to the budget can be approved by the City at its discretion so long as modification does not exceed the total amount of the Loan Funds. The Phase 1 budget as described below shall be considered approved. No later than one month before the anticipated end of Phase 1 and Phase 2, MVCD shall provide an updated annual budget for the following phase for review, comment, and approval by the City, in its sole discretion.

Expense type	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
1. Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000
2. District Management	$100,000	$150,000	$150,000
3. Appraisal of Benefits 4. (Consulting Services)	$230,000		
5. Appraisal of Benefits 6. (Board of Appraisers)	$50,000	$50,000	
7. Establishment of Assessment Record		$100,000	$100,000
8. Legal Services	$60,000	$100,000	$100,000
9. Public Relations/ Stakeholder Outreach		$40,000	$40,000
10. Contingency	$20,000	$20,000	$70,000
TOTAL (Not to Exceed Amount)	**$500,000**	**$500,000**	**$500,000**

Eligible Expenses: The following shall be considered "Eligible Expenses" for the purposes of this Agreement. Reimbursement of MVCD's expenses shall be at the sole discretion of the City.

1. District Miscellaneous Operating Expenses: The District has a number of recurring expenses including property taxes, minor maintenance and upkeep, accounting services and other miscellaneous expenses. These are the minimum requirements to maintain the District financially through the assessment establishment period.

2. District Management: The District is currently run by a three-person unpaid board with no paid staff. Coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") project and management of the consulting and legal services required for the establishment of the assessment will require dedicated personnel resources. The District shall hire a full time Director to manage and administer the MVCD. The District may also hire other staff or contract for professional services to assist with management activities including coordination with USACE.

3. Appraisal of Benefits: The appraisal of benefits will require the hiring of a board of appraisers to oversee and approve the work and the hiring of a consultant to perform a detailed benefits determination. Benefits will be calculated for both the direct flood damage beneficiaries in the valley, as well as the broader regional benefits in the Mill Creek watershed.

4. Establish an Assessment Record: Following the appraisal of benefits, an assessment record will be developed that assigns specific assessment values to individual properties in coordination with the County auditor. The full scope of services for this process is unknown at this time because the number of parcels and process for assigning the assessment value has not been determined. A budget has been provided to cover the anticipated costs.

5. Legal Services: Multiple steps through this process will require filings with the Conservancy Court and potential challenges or appeals. A budget for legal services has been estimated to cover these costs. The City's reimbursement of MVCD's legal expenses shall be at the sole discretion of the City.

6. Public Relations and Stakeholder Outreach: The process will include multiple public meetings to inform affected property owners and the community of the impacts. A budget for public relations services has been estimated to cover these costs.

7. Contingency: Finally, a contingency amount is suggested to cover potential unknowns that could arise during the process. We would propose that the contingency amount be held in reserve and would not be spent without written approval from the City.

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600178

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board (Michael Roman)

The City Manager hereby recommends the appointment of **Michael Roman** to the **Environmental Advisory Board.**

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues in the city, serve as a public advocate for the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES), and assist OES in implementing the recommendations of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

This appointment will be for a term of three years (January 2026 through December 2028).

Cc: Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment and Sustainability

Michael Roman, Ph.D., MPH, MA

[redacted]

Professional Summary

Cultural anthropologist and public health scholar with over 15 years of higher education experience and a strong record in environmental research, policy advocacy, and international collaboration. Committed to connecting global climate insights with local sustainability planning to help Cincinnati prepare as a future climate-haven destination.

Education

Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh
MPH, Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, University of Pittsburgh
M.A., Applied Medical Anthropology, Oregon State University
B.S., Education, Miami University

Professional Experience

University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College – Cincinnati, OH
Academic Advisor & Adjunct Instructor, Anthropology | 2014 – Present

- Teach undergraduate courses in medical anthropology and global health.
- Advised Sustainability Student Group, supporting student-led environmental projects.
- Mentor diverse students in academic planning and civic engagement.

Cincinnati Climate Research Incubator (CRI) – Cincinnati, OH
Research Lead | 2025 – Present

- Build upon dissertation research on climate-induced migration.
- Focus on positioning Greater Cincinnati as a future climate-haven receiving destination.

U.S. Department of State / Peace Corps – Tarawa, Kiribati
Special Envoy Delegate (Peace Corps Representation) | 2023

- Represented Peace Corps at the 80th commemoration of the Battle of Tarawa.
- Engaged in climate and cultural diplomacy initiatives.

Fulbright Fellowship, University of Waikato – Hamilton, New Zealand
Research Fellow | 2010 – 2011

- Conducted transnational field research on climate-induced migration amongst pacific islander communities at home and abroad.

Areas of Expertise

Climate Migration • Higher Education • International Collaboration

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600179

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board (Yasmine Allen)

The City Manager hereby recommends the appointment of **Yasmine Allen** to the **Environmental Advisory Board.**

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues in the city, serve as a public advocate for the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES), and assist OES in implementing the recommendations of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

This appointment will be for a term of one year (January 2026 through December 2026).

Cc: Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment and Sustainability

Yasmine Allen

[redacted]

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Chemistry-trained Medical Laboratory Scientist and full-time Cybersecurity graduate student with experience in public health, research, and civic advocacy. Brings a systems view of risk, infrastructure, and health, plus leadership roles with the Urban League Young Professionals and student government. Focused on environmental racism, voter education, and connecting technical and policy decisions to real community impact.

EDUCATION

B.Sc. Central State University Wilberforce, OH

Major: Chemistry

SKILLS AND SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

CLIA, CAP, HIPAA, OSHA • Quality control & proficiency testing • Epic Beaker LIS • Roche • Sysmex

• Abbott • Troubleshooting & corrective action • Data analysis • Microsoft Office & Python • Public speaking & facilitation • Civic advocacy & coalition-building • Community outreach • Strong interpersonal communication

WORK & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Social Justice Advocacy Chair Cincinnati, OH

Urban League Young Professionals Jan 2025 – Present

• Lead professional advocacy and government-literacy efforts for Young Professionals, designing and delivering monthly workshops so members understand their rights, local offices, and how to engage with City decision-making.

• Coordinate voter-education and outreach with partners such as NAACP, AMOS, and the League of Women Voters, aligning messaging and events around community priorities and turnout.

• Facilitate discussions on environmental racism, transit, food access, safety, and other quality-of-life issues, ensuring young Black professionals have a visible voice in local policy spaces and with elected officials.

MLT Generalist Cincinnati, OH

Cincinnati Children's Jan 2023 – Aug 2024

• Implemented pre-analytic specimen accession and priority-routing improvements for 80+ high-complexity samples per week, supporting significant gains in result accuracy and turnaround time.

• Performed high-complexity urinalysis, hematology, chemistry, microbiology, and blood bank testing on Roche, Sysmex, and Abbott systems, with results uploaded directly to Epic Beaker.

• Adhered to OSHA, CAP, CLIA '88, and hospital safety requirements, maintaining a safe, compliant laboratory environment for patients and staff.

• Trained new staff on instrument operation, QC procedures, and workflow, reinforcing high standards of accuracy, safety, and accountability in a fast-paced pediatric lab.

Covid-19 Tester Wilberforce, OH

Central State University Jan 2021 – June 2022

• Administered Covid-19 tests while upholding strict PPE and infection-control standards, managing 30+ patient interactions per shift with clear communication and empathy.

• Investigated invalid PCR runs (~3% of tests) using instrument QC logs, helped retrain swab collection techniques, and reduced repeat-test rate to 0.8%.

• Developed and followed data-protection procedures that strengthened security compliance for handling sensitive patient information.

Resident Advisor Wilberforce, OH

Central State University Jan 2021 – June 2022

• Documented resident interactions and enforced housing policies, demonstrating strong judgment around confidentiality, compliance, and student safety.

• Escalated high-risk incidents using a defined 3-step protocol; achieved 100% on-time incident reporting with zero policy breaches.

• Fostered an inclusive and supportive living environment through conflict resolution, peer mentoring, and collaboration with campus partners.

Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU Intern – Remote) Cincinnati, OH

University of Cincinnati, Dr. Gudmundsdottir Lab Summer 2020

• Conducted research on sustainable synthesis of N-heterocycles, contributing to published findings in Organic Letters and reinforcing experience with laboratory research and documentation.

• Calculated thermodynamic stability and reactivity, applying computational methods to support complex chemical analyses and prediction of reaction outcomes.

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Central State University Dean's List: Fall and Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021 • Section Leader, Central State University Concert Band • Undergraduate Minority Pre-Med Association • Presidential Scholarship • Service Grant Program • Veterans Affairs Volunteer in Chicago • Student Government Association Vice-President, 2021–22

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600180

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board (Carla D. Walker)

The City Manager hereby recommends the appointment of **Carla D. Walker** to the **Environmental Advisory Board.**

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues in the city, serve as a public advocate for the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES), and assist OES in implementing the recommendations of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

This appointment will be for a term of two years (January 2026 through December 2027).

Cc: Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment and Sustainability

Carla D. Walker

[redacted]

Accomplished leader in environmental equity, climate justice, and sustainable governance with more than 20 years of experience advancing community-centered climate policy and research. As U.S. Director for Environmental Justice and Equity at the World Resources Institute, Carla leads national initiatives that embed procedural and distributional equity into federal, state, and local climate strategies, including co-development of WRI's People-Centered Transitions Team and U.S. Equity & Governance workstream. Her work has strengthened climate governance across the Midwest and the nation through leadership roles as Chief of Staff to the Mayor of Cincinnati, Climate Advisor for Cincinnati under the American Cities Climate Challenge, and Founder of think BIG strategies, a consultancy dedicated to advancing inclusive governance and equitable development.

EXPERTISE

- Environmental & Climate Justice
- Equitable Governance & Policy Design
- Climate Adaptation and Resilience Planning
- Stakeholder Engagement and Coalition Management
- Community-Centered Research and Public Engagement
- Program Strategy, Implementation & Evaluation
- Sustainable Development and Green Infrastructure
- Local, State, and Federal Government Relations

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

- Developed equitable strategy and framework for Cincinnati's EV charging infrastructure.
- Led campaign to secure Cincinnati's commitment to 100% Clean Energy.
- Strategic Lead and Facilitator of 15+ stakeholder sessions to develop Cincinnati's 2018 climate, resilience, and sustainability plan.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

World Resources Institute, Washington DC — *2021 to present*

US DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & EQUITY

Lead national strategy and research on equity, environmental justice, and just transition for the U.S. Program.

- Launched WRI's U.S. Equity and Governance Program to advance equitable, community-centered climate governance.
- Co-led development of WRI -US People-Centered Transition research and program portfolio to address environmental justice, equity, and just transition in climate policy at the federal, state, and local levels.
- Design and lead execution of equity strategies for the Electric School Bus Initiative, a 5-year $30 million project to jumpstart the equitable transition of the US school bus fleet to electric.

Natural Resources Defense Council, Cincinnati OH — *2019 to 2021*

CLIMATE ADVISOR, CITY OF CINCINNATI

Advanced Cincinnati's emission reduction, energy equity, and sustainable transportation goals through the American Cities Climate Challenge. Led initiatives in clean mobility and racial equity to meet Green Cincinnati Plan targets.

- Designed and managed energy-efficiency programs for low-income renters and multifamily housing owners, reducing energy burden citywide.
- Negotiated MOU with Duke Energy Ohio to create a $1.5M energy efficiency fund for Cincinnati renters.
- Designed Cincinnati EV Ambassador Program, training community advocates to promote EV adoption.

think BIG strategies, llc, Cincinnati, OH — *2010 to 2019*

FOUNDER & CEO

Established a strategic consultancy integrating advocacy, stakeholder engagement, and communications to advance environmental equity and sustainable urban development.

- Directed equitable planning processes for regional and municipal agencies, including community engagement design for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority's "Reinventing Metro" plan.
- Advised regional environmental coalitions, integrating equity principles into the Great Lakes Restoration advocacy network.
- Led and managed multi-cultural team for ONE Campaign Africa to deliver 'Poverty is Sexist' policy asks at Africa Union Summit, World Economic Forum-Africa, Finance for Development Conference, and UN General Assembly.

Office of the Mayor, Cincinnati, OH *2005 to 2010*

CHIEF OF STAFF

Led transition of new Administration and delivered Mayor's vision to transform the city with large-scale initiatives enhancing City's image, atmosphere for business development and connection to global networks. Oversaw day-to-day operations and management of Communications, Constituent Outreach, Legislative, and Administration staff.

- Secured the City's signing of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and served on the Climate Protection Steering Committee, establishing the inaugural Green Cincinnati Action Plan.
- Reconstituted the City's Office of Environmental Quality and Planning Department, restoring essential infrastructure for environmental governance.

ONE.org, Washington, DC *2003 to 2005*

US DEPUTY CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

Led national advocacy strategy resulting in the largest Congressional increase in U.S. global development assistance in 40 years. Built partnerships with 35 organizations and expanded grassroots support from 100,000 to 2 million in 8 months.

- Organized coalition of Field representatives to coordinate campaign activities for 35 nonprofit organizations.
- Designed and oversaw execution of monthly themed events to mobilize public on US G8 and US Live8.
- Organized and led delegation of 100 volunteer advocates to participate in 2005 G8 Summit. Directed actions for coalition partners who advocated global leaders to support historical G8 agreement.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master of Public Administration, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard, Boston, MA
Master of Science, Environmental Engineering Science, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Bachelor of Science, Biology, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

- Curran, A., Walker, C., & Compton, M. *How Tribal Nations Are Charging Ahead with Electric School Buses.* (2025)
- Walker, C., Gabrielse, L., & Hyman, G. *From the Ground Up: How Community-Based Organizations Can Build an Equitable and Clean Energy Future.* (2025)
- Leslie-Bole, H., Walker, C., Scafidi, A., Hosansky, B., & Melo Ribeiro, C. *Rethinking Biofuels in the U.S. Midwest.* (2025)
- Walker, C., & Jeanty, J. *Two Years of Justice40: Integrating Environmental Justice into U.S. Climate Policy.* (2023)
- Walker, C., Shaver, L., & Macomber, C. *How Prepared Are U.S. Cities to Implement the Justice40 Initiative?* (2022)
- Heath, T., Merrifield, L., Brown, K., Heim, K., Walker, C., & Salazar, K. *Building an Equitable and Just Green Infrastructure Strategy in the North Central Region.* University of Illinois Extension. (2020)

CIVIC and VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Board of Directors, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden (2024-present)
- Board of Directors, Ohio Citizens Action Board of Directors (2017-present); Board President (2024-present)
- Board of Directors, Cincinnati-Nancy France Sister City Association (2015-present)
- Board of Directors, Lloyd Science Library (2019-2025)
- Board of Directors, Green Umbrella Board of Directors (2019-2022)

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600181

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board (Megan O'Keefe)

The City Manager hereby recommends the appointment of **Megan O'Keefe** to the **Environmental Advisory Board.**

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues in the city, serve as a public advocate for the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES), and assist OES in implementing the recommendations of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

This appointment will be for a term of three years (January 2026 through December 2028).

Cc: Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment and Sustainability

Megan O'Keefe

[redacted]

Professional Summary

Results-driven **Sustainability Manager** at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden with expertise in resiliency planning, carbon sequestration, and community-based offset initiatives. Holds bachelor's and master's degrees in biology, with graduate research focused on climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, ecological restoration, and sustainable development. Recognized for exceptional communication and cross-functional collaboration skills, with proven success in advancing organizational sustainability goals. Skilled in project management, program development, strategic planning, and resource optimization. Brings nearly a decade of experience in the zoo and aquarium industry, complemented by six years of international teaching experience that provide a strong global perspective.

Professional Experience

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden — Cincinnati, OH
Sustainability Project Manager | *2023–Present*

- Lead the Zoo's **Community Solar Resiliency Program (CSRP)**, deploying solar arrays to mission-critical organizations in underserved neighborhoods.
    - Oversee all phases of solar projects, including grant writing, site assessment, installation, and public launch events.
    - Developed a multi-year strategy for solar asset deployment and secured funding for long-term program sustainability.
- Manage **greenspace enhancement projects** in collaboration with horticulture teams, developing budgets and implementation timelines.
- Advance sustainability initiatives on Zoo properties, including regenerative agriculture, local food production, agrivoltaics, and native plant restoration.
- Contribute to the Zoo's **Net-Zero and sustainability strategies**, focusing on prioritization, policy development, and data management.
- Partner with community leaders, city officials, and the Zoo's Global Conservation Team on local and international conservation projects.
    - Supported elephant conservation partners in Thailand (2024) through capacity-building and project coordination.
- Supervise and mentor junior sustainability staff; oversee sustainability communications in partnership with marketing.
- Represent the Zoo through presentations to internal teams, partners, and donors.

Sustainability Co-op | *2022–2023*

- Supported multiple sustainability initiatives from concept to completion, ensuring alignment with strategic goals.
- Engaged community stakeholders through events, workshops, and education programs to promote environmental stewardship.

- Tracked project milestones and delivered detailed progress reports to leadership and donors.

Prana Rise Yoga — Paris, Cincinnati, Shanghai, Sydney
Yoga Instructor & Studio Operations | *2017–2022*

- Delivered private and group yoga sessions tailored to diverse student needs across international locations.
- Managed studio operations including sales, client relations, retail management, scheduling, and event coordination.

Comptoir Des Langues & VIPKid — Paris, France
English Teacher | *2018–2022*

- Provided personalized English instruction for private students and small groups.
- Cultivated long-term relationships with recurring learners and adapted lessons to individual goals.
- Taught general studies classes in a private school in Shanghai (2018).

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden — Cincinnati, OH
Animal Keeper | *2013–2016*

- Delivered daily animal care, behavioral training, and enrichment programs.
- Presented educational demonstrations and behind-the-scenes encounters to public audiences.
- Participated in the **Manatee Rehabilitation Program**, supporting animal transport, care, and release efforts.
- Promoted wildlife conservation through direct public engagement and education.

Education

Miami University — Oxford, OH
Master of Arts in Biology, Project Dragonfly, Global Field Program | 2021–2023

Northern Kentucky University — Highland Heights, KY
Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences (Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Track) | 2009–2012

- Member, **Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society**
- Teaching Assistant and Biology Tutor

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600182

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Appointment to the Environmental Advisory Board (Briana Mazzolini-Blanchard)

The City Manager hereby recommends the appointment of **Briana Mazzolini-Blanchard** to the **Environmental Advisory Board.**

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues in the city, serve as a public advocate for the Office of Environment and Sustainability (OES), and assist OES in implementing the recommendations of the Green Cincinnati Plan.

This appointment will be for a term of two years (January 2026 through December 2027).

Cc: Oliver Kroner, Office of Environment and Sustainability

BRIANA MAZZOLINI-BLANCHARD

Executive Director

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SKILLS

LEADERSHIP | SUPERVISION | PROJECT MANAGEMENT | COMMUNICATION
FUNDRAISING | EDUCATION | BUDGET FORECASTING AND MONITORING
PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT | EVENT PLANNING | PUBLIC SPEAKING | COMMUNITY OUTREACH | VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, URBAN NATIVE COLLECTIVE

APRIL 2023-PRESENT

• Oversee full scale operations of the Cincinnati region's only Native run and Native focused organization.

• Provide oversight and coaching to all staff and volunteers as well as collaborate on both programming curriculum as well as implementation and distribution.

• Develop external partnerships to support organizational goals and further amplify the voices of Native people living in the greater Cincinnati area.

• Manage production of Urban Native Collective's monthly podcast, Life on the Margins: An Urban Native Experience, including scheduling guests, assisting with intro and outro musical production, as well as serving as co-host.

CO-FOUNDER, INDIGENOUS FIELD GUIDE

JANUARY 2021-PRESENT

• Co-created a centralized guide to provide public education to prevent the damage of nonrenewable cultural resources and address access concerns for public and private land.
• Created an online platform to amplify and integrate Indigenous voices regarding cultural land resources.
• Connect individuals and organizations with national and international Indigenous guides, leaders, and advisors.
• Advise local, regional, and national businesses and organizations on best practices when working with Indigenous tribes and communities.
• Travel across the country to teach educational workshops and webinars.
• Advocate for the amplification of Indigenous voices and knowledge on a national platform.
• Speak on behalf of the organization to various media outlets.
• Manage all social media and website content.

BOARD MEMBER/EDUCATION, DEI, AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR, RED RIVER GORGE CLIMBERS' COALITION

NOVEMBER 2019-FEBRUARY 2025

• Lead the organization in all education, outreach, and DEI initiatives.
• Collaborate on strategic planning of organization's programs and operations.
• Manage all documents, files, and meeting minutes for the organization.
• Oversee education curriculum, which includes regularly scheduled presentations to the community on topics regarding conservation and stewardship.
• Founded, facilitate, and host monthly "Climb L8" meet ups at the local Cincinnati, Lexington, and Indianapolis climbing gyms which promote diversity, inclusion, and safer spaces for all climbers, focusing on the population of marginalized community members, new climbers, and those who do not have the means to afford admission and rentals.
• Speak to the media in a way that communicates the organization's diversity, equity, and inclusion mission.
• Coordinate conservation efforts such as land maintenance, accessible trail building, and volunteer organizing.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER, ACCESS FUND

SEPTEMBER 2021-MARCH 2023

• Develop annual revenue and sponsorship targets with the Director of Philanthropy and fundraising teams for a national conservation organization with an annual revenue goal of over 2 million dollars.

• Pursue and nurture a growing portfolio of corporate funding relationships to generate financial support for the organization and its program goals, as well as connect with and educate the community about sustainable access and conservation of outdoor environments.

• Engage partners to raise money for the organization through events and digital outreach opportunities.

• Support partners in telling their philanthropic story and ensure that they are well represented in the organization's marketing and communications efforts.

• Manage the presence, and speak on behalf of the organization, at industry trade shows, events, and festivals across the country.

• Manage the organization's relationship with, and support for, a wide variety of community partners.

• Contract, invoice, and report on donation commitments, ensuring data is accurately and regularly maintained in the fundraising database.

• Oversee donations and manage inventory to support marketing, communications, programming, and fundraising efforts.

EDUCATION MANAGER, SANTA MARIA COMMUNITY SERVICES

MARCH 2017-SEPTEMBER 2021

• Led the development, administration, and implementation of the Education Program which included oversight of all curriculum implementation, partnership development, and budget tracking.

• Supervised AmeriCorps members, education staff, interns, and program volunteers.

• Coordinated day-to-day activities within a program that serves over 200 clients annually.

• Planned and executed annual GED graduation for up to 300 people within a budget of $5,000.

• Assisted with writing requests for proposals and reporting on various local grants.

• Measured and tracked all program outcomes and identified areas of continuous quality improvement.

• Completed intake, enrollment, and case management services for 25 clients within the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program. Assisted with staff training on intake during new program implementation.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE-ART EDUCATION

HONORS: SUMMA CUM LAUDE

THE NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OF GREATER CINCINNATI, ADVANCE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI, CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, CERTIFICATE IN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS

ACCOLADES

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME-2023 INDUCTEE

Carrion, Lisa

From: webapp@cincinnati-oh.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2026 1:55 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: Cincinnati City Council - Lobbyist Registration Form

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Submitted: 01/10/2026

APPLICATION TYPE: Registration
LOBBYIST COMPANY NAME: altafiber
LOBBYIST FNAME: Theodore
LOBBYIST LNAME: Heckmann
LOBBYIST ADDRESS: 3730 Sunburst Rdg
LOBBYIST PHONE: 513-608-7624
LOBBYIST EMAIL: ted.heckmann@altafiber.com
LOBBYIST OCCUPATION: Government Affairs Professional
LOBBYIST POSITION: Vice President - Regulatory & Government Affairs
CLIENT COMPANY NAME: altafiber
CLIENT FNAME: Theodore
CLIENT LNAME: Heckmann
CLIENT ADDRESS: P.O. Box 2301
CLIENT PHONE: 513-608-7624
CLIENT EMAIL: ted.heckmann@altafiber.com
CLIENT BUSINESS: Communications/Media, Energy/Utilities
LEGISLATION TYPE: Other
LEGISLATION TYPE_OTHER: Activities, Issues, and Legislation that will impact altafiber's and its subsidiaries business opera
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION: Activities, Issues, and Legislation that will impact altafiber's and its subsidiaries business operations
CERTIFY: Yes
SIGNATURE: Ted Heckmann
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Carrion, Lisa

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LOBBYIST COMPANY NAME: DSD Advisors LLC
LOBBYIST FNAME: Colleen
LOBBYIST LNAME: Reynolds
LOBBYIST ADDRESS: 255 E Fifth Street 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
LOBBYIST PHONE: 5138325449
LOBBYIST EMAIL: colleen.reynolds@dsdadvisorsllc.com
LOBBYIST OCCUPATION: Government Affairs
LOBBYIST POSITION: Partner
CLIENT COMPANY NAME: Santa Maria Community Services
CLIENT FNAME: H.A.
CLIENT LNAME: Musser
CLIENT ADDRESS: 617 Steiner Ave Cincinnati, OH 45204
CLIENT PHONE: 513-557-2700
CLIENT EMAIL: ha.musser@santamaria-cincy.org
CLIENT BUSINESS: Social Service/Human Services
LEGISLATION TYPE: Other
LEGISLATION TYPE_OTHER: Public Funding
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION: Public support to support human services programming
CERTIFY: Yes
SIGNATURE: Colleen Reynolds
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Carrion, Lisa 202600153

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LOBBYIST COMPANY NAME: DSD Advisors LLC
LOBBYIST FNAME: Annalese
LOBBYIST LNAME: Cahill
LOBBYIST ADDRESS: 255 E Fifth Street 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
LOBBYIST PHONE: 5138325428
LOBBYIST EMAIL: annalese.cahill@dsdadvisorsllc.com
LOBBYIST OCCUPATION: Government Affairs
LOBBYIST POSITION: Government Relations Manager
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CLIENT FNAME: H.A.
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CLIENT PHONE: 513-557-2700
CLIENT EMAIL: ha.musser@santamaria-cincy.org
CLIENT BUSINESS: Social Service/Human Services
LEGISLATION TYPE: Other
LEGISLATION TYPE_OTHER: Public Funding
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION: Public support to support human services programming
CERTIFY: Yes
SIGNATURE: Annalese Cahill
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Carrion, Lisa 202601156

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Submitted on: 01/12/2026

APPLICATION TYPE: Update/Termination
LOBBYIST COMPANY NAME: UC Health
LOBBYIST FNAME: Chase
LOBBYIST LNAME: Mosijowsky
LOBBYIST ADDRESS: 3200 Burnet Ave
LOBBYIST PHONE: 5132224744
LOBBYIST EMAIL: Chase.Mosijowsky@UCHealth.com
LOBBYIST OCCUPATION: Government Affairs
LOBBYIST POSITION: Advocacy and Health Policy Manager
UPDATE TYPE: Standard Update
TERMNATION DATE:
UPDATE PERIOD: January 1 through June 30
ORDINANCES: File #: 202501372 related to Organ Donor policy at the city. Monitoring of all legislation and budget matters impacting Uptown, city property in Uptown, Gun Violence reduction initiatives, and the Cincinnati Health Department.
RESOLUTIONS:
LEGISLATION TYPE ADDITIONAL: Yes
LEGISLATION TYPE: Property Sale, Lease or other property right from the City
LEGISLATION TYP OTHER:
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION: Engagement with city administration and council on the Health Department Facilities Plan.
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FT3 - LOBBYIST:
FT3 - PURPOSE:
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CERTIFY: Yes
SIGNATURE: Chase Mosijowsky
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Carrion, Lisa 202600158

From: webapp@cincinnati-oh.gov
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 11:18 AM
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Submitted on: 01/05/2026

APPLICATION TYPE: Update/Termination
LOBBYIST COMPANY NAME: bi3 Fund
LOBBYIST FNAME: Candace
LOBBYIST LNAME: Sabers
LOBBYIST ADDRESS: 625 Eden Park Drive, First Floor
LOBBYIST PHONE: 513-569-9396
LOBBYIST EMAIL: candace_sabers@bi3.org
LOBBYIST OCCUPATION: Philanthropy
LOBBYIST POSITION: Vice President, Policy and Advocacy
UPDATE TYPE: Standard Update
TERMNATION DATE:
UPDATE PERIOD: July 1 though December 31
ORDINANCES: NA
RESOLUTIONS: NA
LEGISLATION TYPE ADDITIONAL: No
LEGISLATION TYPE:
LEGISLATION TYP OTHER:
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION: NA
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CERTIFY: Yes
SIGNATURE: Candace L Novak Sabers
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Carrion, Lisa 202600167

From: webapp@cincinnati-oh.gov
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Submitted on: 01/15/2026

APPLICATION TYPE: Update/Termination
LOBBYIST COMPANY NAME: DSD Advisors LLC
LOBBYIST FNAME: Matt
LOBBYIST LNAME: Davis
LOBBYIST ADDRESS: 255 E Fifth Street 1900, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
LOBBYIST PHONE: 5139778460
LOBBYIST EMAIL: matt.davis@dsdadvisorsllc.com
LOBBYIST OCCUPATION: Government Affairs
LOBBYIST POSITION: Founder
UPDATE TYPE: Standard Update
TERMNATION DATE:
UPDATE PERIOD: July 1 though December 31
ORDINANCES: 202502018: Source swap for $500,000 202501614: Repeal of Ordinance 97-2025
RESOLUTIONS:
LEGISLATION TYPE ADDITIONAL: No
LEGISLATION TYPE:
LEGISLATION TYP OTHER:
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION:
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CERTIFY: Yes
SIGNATURE: Matt Davis
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Carrion, Lisa 2026 /00169

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TERMNATION DATE:
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ORDINANCES: 202501540: Property sale and development agreement for truck staging 202501614: Repeal of Ordinance 97-2025 202501668: Donation from Village of St. Bernard for speed mitigation along Mitchell Avenue 202501777: Cincinnati Agreement with SOPEC 202502063: Cincinnati Agreement with SOPEC Version B 202502093: Major Amendment to PD 88 Three Oaks 202502018: Source swap for $500,000 202501606: Zone Change for Burnet Quarter
RESOLUTIONS:
LEGISLATION TYPE ADDITIONAL: No
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LEGISLATION TYP OTHER:
LEGISLATION DESCRIPTION:
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CERTIFY: Yes
SIGNATURE: Colleen Reynolds
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Carrion, Lisa 202600170

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CERTIFY: Yes
SIGNATURE: Annalese Cahill
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202600078

Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember

Motion: More Child Care @ Rec Centers

January 12th, 2026

WE MOVE that the administration work with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) to report back within 60 days to:

- Identify which specific CRC locations are not eligible for being child care facilities today.
- Identify estimated impact for CRC annual revenue and operating costs to make these all child care facilities.
- Identify specific capital funding needed to expand child care facilities to all Cincinnati Recreation Commission locations.

STATEMENT

Cincinnati – just like the rest of the country – has a child care crisis. Since 2020, we have lost over 2,600 child care slots according to 4C for Children. While the factors are numerous and many are factors beyond our local control, expanding child care facilities at CRC locations is something we can do.

At a City Council hearing in December 2025, Director Daniel Betts mentioned that there are 13 additional CRC facilities that could be child care centers in addition to their current centers, but that there are capital needs in order to bring those facilities up to standard to child care. This motion asks for the costs of those capital needs as well as how CRC would prioritize them.

Councilmember Mark Jeffreys

Councilmember Anna Albi

Councilmember Ryan James

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202600073

Meeka D. Owens
Cincinnati City Council

January 8th, 2026

Administration to Provide Update on Public Safety Package

WE MOVE that the City Administration and the Cincinnati Police Department provide an update on all $5.42 million allocated in Motion #2020501648 "Cincinnati's Increased Investment in Public Safety" approved on September 10th, 2025.

FURTHER WE MOVE that the Administration provide the update to the committee on Budget, Finance, and Governance on January 26th, 2026.

Meeka D. Owens

Councilmember Meeka D. Owens

Moses Jeffreys

Jeff Cramerding

Evan Nolan

Anna Alli

Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 14, 2026

202600058

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – OES: Amend Ordinance No. 2-2025**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 2-2025 to provide funding to the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation for remediation services at the West Fork Incinerator site.

This Emergency Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2-2025 to provide funding to the Hamilton Country Land Reutilization Corporation ("Landbank") for remediation services at the West Fork Incinerator site.

Ordinance No. 2-2025 indicated that the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority ("Port") had secured a grant of approximately $5,053,000 from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to remediate the West Fork Incinerator site, for which the City provided matching resources. The Landbank was the recipient of the ODOD grant to remediate the West Fork Incinerator site, and the City will provide grant matching resources to the Landbank rather than the Port.

Ordinance No. 2-2025 must be amended so the City's funds can be provided directly to the Landbank instead of the Port.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide resources to the Landbank for remediation services at the West Fork Incinerator site.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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AMENDING Ordinance No. 2-2025 to provide funding to the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation for remediation services at the West Fork Incinerator site.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 372-2024 authorized the City to sell the West Fork Incinerator site in South Cumminsville to the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation ("Landbank"), an entity managed by the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority ("Port"), to remediate asbestos, lead, and other hazardous materials on the site; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, Council passed Ordinance No. 2-2025 to provide funds to the Port for remediation of the West Fork Incinerator site; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2-2025 indicated that the Port had secured a grant of approximately $5,053,000 from the Ohio Department of Development ("ODOD") to remediate the West Fork Incinerator site, for which the City provided matching resources; and

WHEREAS, the Landbank was the recipient of the ODOD grant to remediate the West Fork Incinerator site, and the City will provide grant matching resources to the Landbank rather than to the Port; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2-2025 must be amended so the City's funds can be provided directly to the Landbank instead of to the Port; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Sections 1 and 4 of Ordinance No. 2-2025, passed by Council on January 15, 2025, are amended as follows:

> Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to establish permanent improvement project account no. 758x164x251631, "West Fork Incinerator Demolition – GF," to provide resources to ~~the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority ("the Port")~~ the Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation ("Landbank") to remediate the West Fork Incinerator site.
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> Section 4. That the transfer and appropriation of $1,562,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to newly established permanent improvement project account no.758x164x251631, "West Fork Incinerator Demolition – GF," is authorized to provided resources to the ~~Port~~ Landbank to remediate the West Fork Incinerator site.

Section 2. That all terms of Ordinance No. 2-2025 not amended by this ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 and 2.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to provide resources to the Landbank for remediation services at the West Fork Incinerator site.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 14, 2026

202600059

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Fire: Then & Now Payment to University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the payment of $136,586.53 from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7289 to University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC for paramedic training and related services provided to the Cincinnati Fire Department in the final months of FY 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the payment of $136,586.53 from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7289 to University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC for paramedic training and related services in the final months of FY 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

On June 30, 2022, the City entered into a contract with University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC to provide paramedic training and related services to the Cincinnati Fire Department (CFD). Per the contract, CFD may enroll up to 36 students per year in the paramedic training course, though traditionally they have only enrolled 12. In FY 2025, CFD initially certified funding sufficient to cover its typical number of students but ultimately enrolled a higher-than-average number of students, causing the original certification to be insufficient. Therefore, a then and now payment in the amount of $136,586.53 is necessary.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance issued the attached certificate, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury for the purpose of paying such charges under the contract both at the time the contract began and at the time the attached certificate was issued.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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AUTHORIZING the payment of $136,586.53 from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7289 to University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC for paramedic training and related services provided to the Cincinnati Fire Department in the final months of FY 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022, the City entered into a contract with University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC ("Contractor") to provide paramedic training and related services to the Cincinnati Fire Department ("CFD"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the contract, CFD may enroll up to 36 students per year in Contractor's paramedic training course; and

WHEREAS, historically, CFD has enrolled approximately a dozen students per year and, consistent with that practice, has typically certified funding amounts below the contract maximum; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2025, CFD initially certified funding sufficient to cover its typical number of students, but ultimately enrolled a higher-than-average number of students in Contractor's training course, causing the certified funds to be depleted more quickly than in prior years; and

WHEREAS, due to staff turnover, CFD did not timely adjust the certification to reflect the increased enrollment before receiving Contractor's invoices for services in April and June 2025; and

WHEREAS, CFD has since hired new employees and committed to additional training and internal controls to ensure certifications are timely updated and established policies are followed in the future; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance has issued a certificate, attached to this ordinance, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury to pay such charges under the contract both at the time the contract began and at the time the attached certificate was issued; and

WHEREAS, Council desires pay Contractor for the City's outstanding obligation of $136,586.53 for paramedic training and related services provided to CFD in the final months of FY 2025; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $136,586.53 from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7289 to University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC for paramedic training and related services provided to the Cincinnati Fire Department in the final months of FY 2025.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE

I, Steve Webb, Director of Finance for the City of Cincinnati, state the following:

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022, the City entered into a contract with University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC ("Contractor") to provide paramedic training and related services to the Cincinnati Fire Department ("CFD"); and

WHEREAS, this contract was active throughout FY 2025; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2025, CFD initially certified funding sufficient to cover its typical number of students, but ultimately enrolled a higher-than-average number of students in Contractor's training course, causing the certified funds to be depleted more quickly than in prior years; and

WHEREAS, due to staff turnover, CFD did not timely adjust the certification to reflect the increased enrollment before receiving Contractor's invoices for services in April and June 2025; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding charges due to Contractor for April and June 2025 total $136,586.53; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

1. As of April 1, 2025, and as of the date this certificate was executed, I verify that the City Treasury held a sufficient sum that was appropriated and available for the purpose of paying for goods and services rendered under the City's contract with University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC. This verification is conditioned upon and subject to Council's approval of an ordinance authorizing the drawing of a warrant in payment of amount due to University of Cincinnati Physicians Company, LLC.

Signed,

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Steve Webb, Director of Finance
City of Cincinnati

Date: 12/31/25

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 14, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600060

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Fire: Moral Obligation Payments to Various Vendors**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $16,032.96 to Mike Albert Leasing, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7419 as a moral obligation for passenger van rentals in July 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $5,911.36 to T-Mobile USA from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7212 as a moral obligation for cellular services provided between March 2025 and August 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $4,805.67 to Hamilton County from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5100x7289 as a moral obligation for services provided at the Emergency Operations Center in July 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $4,020.82 to ESO Solutions, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7418 as a moral obligation for electronic health record data extraction performed in May 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $3,850.00 to Bowling Green State University from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7215 as a moral obligation for training registration in February 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $7,173.68 to 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment Holdings, LLC from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4300x7364 as a moral obligation for fire recruit gear purchased in April 2025; and **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $5,000 to Joy Outdoor Education Center from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4200x7289 as a moral obligation for Fire Cadet programming in June 2025.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes payments totaling $46,794.49 from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget accounts to seven vendors as moral obligations for goods or services provided. These payments include $16,032.96 to Mike Albert Leasing, Inc. for passenger van rentals in July 2025, $5,911.36 to T-Mobile USA for cellular services provided between March 2025 and August 2025, $4,805.67 to Hamilton County for services provided at the Emergency Operations Center in July 2025, $4,020.82 to ESO Solutions, Inc. for

electronic health record data extraction performed in May 2025, $3,850.00 to Bowling Green State University for training registration from February 2025, $7,173.68 to 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment Holdings, LLC for fire recruit gear purchased in April 2025, and $5,000 to Joy Outdoor Education Center for Fire Cadet programming in June 2025 all to be paid from various Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget accounts. Sufficient resources exist to make the payments.

The Cincinnati Fire Department retained these vendors to provide goods and services in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and FY 2026. The Cincinnati Fire Department also experienced turnover of multiple positions within its Finance Division in FY 2025, during which time multiple issues arose related to timely accounting processes. Various vendors provided goods and services outside of a contract and prior to proper certification of resources, necessitating a moral obligation ordinance to make the payments.

The Cincinnati Fire Department has since onboarded new finance staff and has committed to training its finance team and non-finance staff to ensure deadlines are not missed and established policies are adhered to in the future.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay vendors for outstanding charges for goods and services provided to the Cincinnati Fire Department in FY 2025 and FY 2026.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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AUTHORIZING a payment of $16,032.96 to Mike Albert Leasing, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7419 as a moral obligation for passenger van rentals in July 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $5,911.36 to T-Mobile USA from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7212 as a moral obligation for cellular services provided between March 2025 and August 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $4,805.67 to Hamilton County from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5100x7289 as a moral obligation for services provided at the Emergency Operations Center in July 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $4,020.82 to ESO Solutions, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7418 as a moral obligation for electronic health record data extraction performed in May 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $3,850 to Bowling Green State University from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7215 as a moral obligation for training registration in February 2025; **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $7,173.68 to 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment Holdings, LLC from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4300x7364 as a moral obligation for fire recruit gear purchased in April 2025; and **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $5,000 to Joy Outdoor Education Center from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4200x7289 as a moral obligation for Fire Cadet programming in June 2025.

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Fire Department ("CFD") retained vendors to provide CFD with goods and services in FY 2025 and FY 2026, including Mike Albert Leasing, Inc., T-Mobile USA, Hamilton County, ESO Solutions, Inc., Bowling Green State University, 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment Holdings, LLC, and Joy Outdoor Education Center (collectively, "Vendors"); and

WHEREAS, in FY 2025, CFD experienced turnover of multiple positions within its Finance Division, during which time multiple issues arose related to timely accounting processes; and

WHEREAS, the Vendors provided goods or services to CFD outside of a contract and prior to a proper certification of resources, necessitating payment by moral obligation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, sufficient resources are available in Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7419, account no. 050x271x5200x7212, account no. 050x271x5100x7289, account no. 050x271x5300x7418, account no. 050x271x5200x7215, account no. 050x272x4300x7364, and account no. 050x272x4200x7289 to pay the Vendors for their goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay the Vendors a total of $46,794.49 for their goods and services; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $16,032.96 to Mike Albert Leasing, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7419 as a moral obligation for passenger van rentals in July 2025.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $5,911.36 to T-Mobile USA from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7212 as a moral obligation for cellular services provided between March 2025 and August 2025.

Section 3. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $4,805.67 to Hamilton County from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5100x7289 as a moral obligation for services provided at the Emergency Operations Center in July 2025.

Section 4. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $4,020.82 to ESO Solutions, Inc. from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5300x7418 as a moral obligation for electronic health record data extraction performed in May 2025.

Section 5. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $3,850 to Bowling Green State University from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x5200x7215 as a moral obligation for training registration in February 2025.

Section 6. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $7,173.68 to 911 Fleet and Fire Equipment Holdings, LLC from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4300x7364 as a moral obligation for fire recruit gear purchased in April 2025.

Section 7. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $5,000 to Joy Outdoor Education Center from Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x272x4200x7289 as a moral obligation for Fire Cadet programming in June 2025.

Section 8. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 through 7.

Section 9. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay vendors for outstanding charges for goods and services provided to the Cincinnati Fire Department in FY 2025 and FY 2026.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 14, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600072

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – CRC: Moral Obligation Payment to ASCAP**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** a payment of $857.06 to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to music licensing services.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the payment of $857.06 from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) for an annual license to the City which allows all City departments to play and provide clearance to over one million songs in ASCAP's catalog.

A payment of $857.06 for music licensing services provided to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission ("CRC") by ASCAP was not properly encumbered on time. This moral obligation payment of $857.06 will cover the cost of music licensing services provided by ASCAP to CRC between July 1, 2025 and September 30, 2025. Sufficient resources exist to make the payment.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay ASCAP in a timely manner for music licensing services provided to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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AUTHORIZING a payment of $857.06 to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to music licensing services.

WHEREAS, for several years, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers ("ASCAP") has provided an annual license to the City which allows all City departments to play and provide clearance to over one million songs in ASCAP's catalog; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a contract with ASCAP on July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a payment of $857.06 for music licensing services provided by ASCAP to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission ("CRC") was not properly encumbered on time; and

WHEREAS, this moral obligation payment of $857.06 will cover the cost of music licensing services provided by ASCAP to CRC between July 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, CRC staff has been educated on the best practices for properly and timely encumbering funds to pay for music licensing services to prevent moral obligations in the future; and

WHEREAS, sufficient resources are available in Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050 x199x1910x7452 to pay for the music licensing services provided by ASCAP; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to pay $857.06 to ASCAP for music licensing services provided to CRC; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to pay $857.06 to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers ("ASCAP") from Cincinnati Recreation Commission General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x199x1910x7452 as a moral obligation for outstanding charges related to music licensing services.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to pay ASCAP in a timely manner for music licensing services provided to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 14, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600061

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – Finance: Amend Ordinance No. 0231-2025**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 231-2025 to include the purchase or construction of solar facilities related to the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the former Center Hill Landfill as authorized uses of bond issuance.

This Emergency Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 0231-2025 which authorized the issuance of bonds or notes to finance the cost of constructing, rehabilitating, and equipping public buildings and other structures.

This amendment would expand the eligible uses of the bond financing to include the purchase or construction of renewable energy facilities, including but not limited to solar arrays. Specifically, the bond financing would be used for partial financing of the purchase and installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the former Center Hill Landfill.

Ordinance No. 0231-2025 must be amended to support the financing plan for the project.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure that the bond issuance can be utilized for purchasing or constructing solar facilities in time to achieve the greatest cost savings and tax credits.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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AMENDING Ordinance No. 231-2025 to include the purchase or construction of solar facilities related to the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the former Center Hill Landfill as authorized uses of bond issuance.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 231-2025, passed by Council on June 18, 2025, authorized the issuance of bonds or notes to finance the cost of constructing, rehabilitating, and equipping public buildings and other structures; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend Ordinance No. 231-2025 to clarify that the funds authorized therein may be used for the construction or purchase of renewable energy facilities, including but not limited to solar arrays, to help finance the purchase of a solar array at the former Center Hill Landfill site; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Sections 1 and 5 of Ordinance No. 231-2025, passed by Council on June 18, 2025, are amended as follows:

> Section 1. That it is necessary to issue bonds of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio ("City"), in the principal amount of $24,175,000 (property tax supported), to provide funds to pay the cost and expense of constructing, rehabilitating, and equipping public buildings and other structures <u>including but not limited to providing funds to pay the cost and expense of energy conservation measures including the purchase or construction of renewable energy facilities such as solar arrays (collectively "public building improvement")</u>; acquiring real estate or interests in same; and paying legal, advertising, printing, and all expenses incidental to said improvements. <u>Energy conservation measures shall also include construction, modification, installation, or remodeling of systems that harvest renewable energy from solar, wind, or water for use primarily within a building or complex of buildings, and shall also include the construction of, installation, or modification of an installation in, or remodeling of, a new or existing building or infrastructure, to reduce energy consumption</u>. Such principal amount may be increased by the amounts necessary to fund a debt service reserve fund (if needed), capitalized interest (if any), costs of issuance, and other necessary and permitted costs, all as determined by the Fiscal Officer.
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> Section 5. That, to provide the necessary funds to pay the interest on the foregoing issue of bonds or notes promptly when and as the same falls due, and also to provide for the discharge of said bonds or notes at maturity and for the payment of mandatory sinking fund redemptions, there shall be and is levied on all the taxable property in the City of Cincinnati, in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually during the period said bonds are to run, outside of the limitations imposed by Article XII, Section 2, of the Ohio Constitution and R.C. Section 5705.02, and by virtue of Section 4 of Article VIII of the Charter of the City of

Cincinnati, in an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of said interest, when and as the same shall fall due, and also to discharge the principal of said bonds or notes at maturity and to pay mandatory sinking fund redemptions, which tax shall not be less than the interest and sinking fund tax required by Section 11 of Article XII of the Ohio Constitution.

Said tax shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied, and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of said years are certified, extended, and collected. Said tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from said tax levies required shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund which, together with the interest collected on the same, shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of principal of and interest on said bonds or notes when and as the same fall due.

In addition, the City covenants to annually appropriate amounts necessary for the prompt payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon of the bonds or notes, which may be from sources other than ad valorem tax revenues, including but not limited to cash flow derived from energy cost savings, tax credits, or energy savings guarantee payments.

Section 2. That all terms of Ordinance No. 231-2025 not amended by this ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure that the bond issuance can be utilized for purchasing or constructing solar facilities in time to achieve the greatest cost savings and tax credits.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 14, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600062

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – OES: Center Hill Solar Power Array**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array," to provide for the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of $475,400 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives," to Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of $6,325,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x261055, "Strategic Property Acquisition: Health," to Public Building Improvement Bond Fund 861 to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of $12,100,400 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array," according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation; and **DECLARING** expenditures for the Center Hill Solar Power Array serve a public purpose by expanding opportunities for renewable energy generation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Cincinnati.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. The establishment of new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array," to install a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill;
2. The transfer and return to source of $475,400 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives," to Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to realign sources with uses;
3. The transfer and return to source of $6,325,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x261055, "Strategic Property Acquisition: Health," to Public Building Improvement Bond Fund 861 to realign sources with uses;
4. The transfer and appropriation of $12,100,400 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array"; and

5. The declaration that expenditures for the Center Hill Solar Power Array serve a public purpose by expanding opportunities for renewable energy generation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Cincinnati.

There is a $12,400,000 need to install a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill, for which various resources will be appropriated in accordance with the attached Schedule of Appropriation. Ownership of the solar array will provide a fixed electric rate that is lower than the existing Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the project as well as projected utility rate increases. This project is also eligible for a minimum elective pay benefit from the Federal government equal to 30% of the project costs, with the potential to secure an additional 20% benefit.

The Center Hill Solar Power Array supports the implementation of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan and advances the City's goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Installing a solar photovoltaic array is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to "[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption" as described on pages 181 - 185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to appropriate resources to the capital project to meet established deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array," to provide for the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of $475,400 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives," to Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and return to source of $6,325,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x261055, "Strategic Property Acquisition: Health," to Public Building Improvement Bond Fund 861 to realign sources with uses; **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of $12,100,400 to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array," according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation; and **DECLARING** expenditures for the Center Hill Solar Power Array serve a public purpose by expanding opportunities for renewable energy generation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2025, Council passed Ordinance No. 223-2025, which approved and adopted a Capital Improvement Program and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Approved FY 2026 Budget included $1,000,000 for the "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives," capital improvement program project to provide resources for the implementation of permanent improvements that advance the goals of the City's Green Cincinnati Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Approved FY 2026 Budget included $11,500,000 for the "Strategic Property Acquisition: Health," capital improvement program project to provide resources for the City to pursue property acquisition to benefit the delivery of health services and other municipal purposes, including off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the proposed strategic property acquisition for Health is not moving forward, making a portion of these funds available for reallocation; and

WHEREAS, there is a $12,400,000 need to install a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill, for which various resources will be appropriated in accordance with the attached Schedule of Appropriation; and

WHEREAS, ownership of the solar project will provide a fixed electric rate that is lower than the existing Power Purchase Agreement for the project as well as projected utility rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the project is eligible for a minimum elective pay benefit from the federal government equal to thirty percent of the project costs with the potential to secure an additional twenty percent benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Center Hill Solar Power Array supports the implementation of the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan and advances the City's goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, installing a solar photovoltaic array is in accordance with the "Sustain" goal to "[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to "[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption" as described on pages 181 - 185 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That new capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array," is established to provide for the installation of a solar photovoltaic array at the site of the former Center Hill Landfill.

Section 2. That the transfer and return to source of $475,400 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261029, "Green Cincinnati Sustainability Initiatives," to Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund 758 is authorized to realign sources with uses.

Section 3. That the transfer and return to source of $6,325,000 from capital improvement program project account no. 980x101x261055, "Strategic Property Acquisition: Health," to Public Building Improvement Bond Fund 861 is authorized to realign sources with uses.

Section 4. That $12,100,400 is transferred and appropriated to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x104x261012, "Center Hill Solar Power Array," according to the attached Schedule of Appropriation.

Section 5. That Council declares that expenditures for the Center Hill Solar Power Array serve a public purpose by expanding opportunities for renewable energy generation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Cincinnati.

Section 6. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 5.

Section 7. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms

of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to appropriate resources to the capital project to meet established deadlines.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Total: $12,100,400.00

DEPT. DIVISION	PROJECT OR FUND TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM NUMBER:	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT OR FUND TO BE APPROPRIATED TO NUMBER:	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL BUDGETED COST ALL FUNDS PRIOR	REVISED	AMOUNT TO BE APPROPRIATED
Office of the City Manager Environment & Sustainability 104	758	Income Tax Permanent Improvement Fund	261012	Center Hill Solar Power Array	0.00	475,400.00	475,400.00
	861	Public Building Improvement Bond Fund	261012	Center Hill Solar Power Array	475,400.00	6,800,400.00	6,325,000.00
	883	Revolving Energy Loan Fund	261012	Center Hill Solar Power Array	6,800,400.00	12,100,400.00	5,300,000.00

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 14, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600063

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance –Fire: Firefighter Appreciation Day Rotary Club Donation**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

> **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept a donation of $1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide resources for team building and promotional events in the Cincinnati Fire Department; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of $1,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7200 for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept a donation of $1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide resources for team building and promotional events in the Cincinnati Fire Department. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the transfer and appropriation of up to $1,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to Cincinnati Fire Department General Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7200 for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events.

The Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati donated $1,000 to the City of Cincinnati in connection with the annual Firefighter Appreciation Day event hosted by the Cincinnati Rotary Club in November 2025. This donation will be utilized for team building and promotional events that support readiness, morale, outreach, and effective public safety operation.

This donation does not require additional FTEs/full time equivalents or matching funds.

Acceptance of this donation 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 for the Cincinnati Fire Department to accept and utilize the donated resources.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

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AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of $1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide resources for team building and promotional events in the Cincinnati Fire Department; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated resources into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of $1,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7200 for Cincinnati Fire Department team building and promotional events.

WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati generously donated $1,000 to the City of Cincinnati in connection with the annual Firefighter Appreciation Day event hosted by the Cincinnati Rotary Club in November 2025; and

WHEREAS, the $1,000 in donated funds will be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department for team building and promotional events that support readiness, morale, outreach, and effective public safety operation; and

WHEREAS, this donation does not require matching funds, and there are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this donation; and

WHEREAS, supporting team building and promotional events in the Cincinnati Fire Department is in accordance with the "Collaborate" goal to "[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community" and the strategy to "[u]nite our communities" as described on pages 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to accept a donation of $1,000 from the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati to provide resources for team building and promotional events in the Cincinnati Fire Department.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the donated funds into General Fund revenue account no. 050x8571.

Section 3. That the transfer and appropriation of $1,000 from the unappropriated surplus of General Fund 050 to Cincinnati Fire Department non-personnel operating budget account no. 050x271x7200 is authorized to provide resources for team building and promotional events in the Cincinnati Fire Department.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Sections 1 through 3.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need for the Cincinnati Fire Department to accept and utilize the donated resources.

Passed:_____, 2026

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:_____
Clerk

city of CINCINNATI
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

January 14, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

202600074

From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager

Subject: **Department of City Planning and Engagement Zone Change Process Time**

REFERENCE DOCUMENT #202501273

The City Council, at its session on June 17, 2025, adopted the following item:

> **MOTION,** submitted by Councilmember Owens, WE MOVE that the administration prepare a report by October 2025 that outlines the average time that it takes for the following permitting and development processes:
>
> - Zone Change Applications
> - *This should represent the full development process through the approval of the Final Development Plan by the City Planning Commission.*
> - Coordinated Site Review
> - Historic Designation
> - Sale or Lease of City-Owned Property
> - Acquisition of Financial Assistance with Development
> - All relevant permits in the development process
>
> FURTHER WE MOVE that the administration prepare accompanying documents to visualize these timelines and identify barriers to greater efficiency.

INTRODUCTION

The Department of City Planning and Engagement (DCPE) is responsible for facilitating all changes in zoning within the City of Cincinnati (reflected in the first and third bullet point in the above Motion). Zone changes encompass any amendments to the Zoning Code text or changes to the Zoning Map, and include:

- A map amendment modifying the zone of a parcel/parcels
- A map amendment to establish or modify an Overlay District
- A map amendment to establish a Planned Development District
- A Major Amendment to a Planned Development District
- A text amendment to the Zoning Code, modifying language that describe the zoning regulations

A request for a zone change may be initiated by a petition to City Council, a petition to the City Planning Commission, or by a member of City Council. The application for a zone change was previously a paper form available on the DCPE website, to be submitted as a hardcopy or via email with all relevant documentation. As of January 13, 2025, applications are now submitted online via ezTrak. The zone change application process includes preliminary actions, three standard steps, and two additional steps depending on the type of zone change. DCPE advises applicants to expect roughly

4 to 6 months until final approval. The full process is outlined in the zone change application packet, and is explained in depth in the following section.

ZONE CHANGE PROCESS

Preliminary Actions

Preliminary actions are those that DCPE staff expects to be completed prior to an application for a zone change. There are three preliminary actions: the Zone Change Consultation, a Coordinated Site Review, and Community Engagement. The Zone Change Consultation consists of a conversation with DCPE staff, and is meant to determine the appropriate review process. A Coordinated Site Review (CSR) at the Development Design Level, conducted through the Department of Buildings and Inspections, should be completed prior to applying for a zone change. This review allows all city departments and reviewing agencies to understand the project and identify potential issues. If a CSR is not complete at the time of submission, the applicant will be directed to apply and undergo review before the project can be scheduled for City Planning Commission. This process concludes with a Coordinated Site Review letter.

Engagement with the community to discuss the project, including adjacent residents and property owners and the recognized Community Council for the property, is strongly encouraged for all applicants prior to applying for a zone change. This recommendation, as well as contact information for all Community Councils, is outlined in the Coordinated Site Review letter. Some Community Councils will request a formal presentation and conduct a vote at a meeting of the Community Council, often resulting in a letter of support or objection. Failure to complete or a delay in this step can cause delays later in the process.

Application Acceptance

When an application is received, DCPE staff review it for completeness. An application cannot be deemed complete until all required plans and documents are provided and a successful payment has been processed. The amount of time between when an application is submitted and when it is accepted is dependent on the contents of the submission by the applicant. Some projects take longer than others to assemble the full set of required application materials after the initial application has been submitted.

Step 1: Public Staff Conference. Approximately 3-4 weeks.

Once an application is accepted, DCPE staff will schedule a Public Staff Conference to discuss the zone change and gather information. A notice for the meeting is mailed to the applicant, all property owners within 400 feet of the subject property, and the relevant Community Councils and Community Development Corporations if applicable. Email notices are sent to the applicant and relevant Community Councils and Community Development Corporations. Per §111.1 and §111.5, notices are sent no later than 14 days in advance of the meeting. The project is also posted on the DCPE website and online calendar, and registration is open to all who are interested.

The Public Staff Conference is typically conducted via Zoom, due to the format's accessibility, in the early evening. The format of the Public Staff Conference is to allow the applicant to explain their request, answer questions, and listen to comments. The Public Staff Conference is conducted by DCPE staff, who facilitate the meeting, ensuring that all participants have the opportunity to speak or ask a question. Staff emphasizes that the Conference is informational only and that no decisions are made at that time. Staff also answers all questions about the zone change process and questions about the Zoning Code. In some cases, a second Public Staff Conference may be necessary.

Step 2a: Historic Conservation Board (Historic Designations and Final Development Plans within a Historic District Only). Approximately 6-8 weeks.

A public hearing and vote by the Historic Conservation Board is required for all Historic Designations, which are considered a Map Amendment, and all Final Development Plans that are wholly or partially located within a Historic District. A written staff report including the project summary and exhibits, statements, staff analysis and recommendation is prepared for the Board. A notice for the meeting is mailed to the applicant, all property owners within 400 feet of the subject property, and the relevant Community Councils and Community Development Corporations if applicable. Email notices are sent to the applicant and relevant Community Councils and Community Development Corporations. Per §111.1 and §111.5, notices are sent no later than 14 days in advance of the meeting.

Step 2: City Planning Commission. Approximately 4-6 weeks.

Public testimony and a vote by the City Planning Commission is required for all zone changes. A written staff report including the project summary and exhibits, statements, staff analysis and recommendation is prepared for the Commission. A notice for the meeting is mailed to the applicant, all property owners within 400 feet of the subject property, and the relevant Community Councils and Community Development Corporations if applicable. Email notices are sent to the applicant, relevant Community Councils and Community Development Corporations, and all who participated in the Public Staff Conference or sent correspondence related to the application. Per §111.1 and §111.5, notices are sent no later than 14 days in advance of the meeting. The project is also posted on the DCPE website and online calendar, and participation is open to all who are interested.

Step 3: City Council. Approximately 4-6 weeks.

An Ordinance from the City Solicitor's Office is required for all zone changes, excluding Final Development Plans and their Amendments, which stop at City Planning Commission. Ordinance preparation can take 2 – 4 weeks. Once complete, DCPE staff will transmit the Ordinance and City Planning Commission recommendation to City Council and request a public hearing and vote. The transmittal and scheduling process can take between 2 and 4 weeks.

The official public hearing takes place at a Committee Meeting of City Council, currently the Equitable Growth and Housing (EGH) Committee. The Clerk of Council is responsible for posting notice of the public hearing in the City Bulletin and mailing notice to individuals who were notified of the previous public meetings 14 days in advance of the hearing. The Committee will vote on a recommendation to the full City Council, which will typically take the vote the following day. The zone change goes into effect 30 days after the approval of the Ordinance by City Council, unless it is passed as an Emergency Ordinance, in which case it goes into effect immediately.

Step 3a: Final Development Plan (Planned Developments Only). Approximately 2-6 weeks.

Zone changes to a Planned Development District require a return to the City Planning Commission for public testimony and vote on the Final Development Plan. Another Public Staff Conference is also required. It is also strongly recommended that the applicant reach out to the Community Council and impacted residents and property owners. A written staff report including the project summary and exhibits, statements, staff analysis and recommendation is prepared for the Commission. A notice for the meeting is mailed to the applicant, all property owners within 400 feet of the subject property, and the relevant Community Councils and Community Development Corporations if applicable. Email notices are sent to the applicant and relevant Community Councils and Community Development Corporations. Per §111.1 and §111.5, notices are sent no later than 14 days in advance of the meeting. The project is also posted on the DCPE website and online calendar, and participation is open to all who are interested.

RESEARCH

Background

DCPE staff reviewed all applications for zone changes that were heard by the City Planning Commission between the dates of January 1, 2020 and July 18, 2025. Applications under "zone change" included the following:

- Standard Zone Changes
- Standard Zone Changes Resulting from Zoning Studies
- Historic Designations
- Notwithstanding Ordinances
- Planned Developments:
    - Establishment
    - Final Development Plan
    - Major Amendment to the Concept Plan
    - Major Amendment to the Final Development Plan

A total of 130 applications were reviewed. Zoning text or map amendments resulting from a Motion from City Council, such as Connected Communities, were not included in the research. The breakdown is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Number of Applications by Type

Application Type	Number of Applications
Zone Change	28
Zone Change Study	2
Historic Designation	10
Notwithstanding Ordinance	22
Planned Development Establishment	21
Final Development Plan	29
Major Amendment to the Concept Plan	11
Major Amendment to the Final Development Plan	7

Applications were evaluated for the amount of time in days between each step in the process. The key dates identified for each application included the following:

- Application Submitted
- Application Accepted
- Public Staff Conference (could be multiple)
- Historic Conservation Board (when applicable)
- City Planning Commission (could be multiple)
- Council Committee
- City Council

Dates for "Application Submitted" were identified as the earliest documented date on the application. Dates for "Application Accepted" were most often identified as the documented date of receipt of payment. Dates for the Public Staff Conference, Historic Conservation Board, City Planning Commission, Council Committee, and City Council were all identified as the dates of their respective meetings. Not all key dates were able to be identified for every application. Those fields were left blank in the dataset, and blank fields were omitted from the data calculations and representations.

Findings – Total Time

The average time for any application to reach City Council is 112 days, or 3.74 months. The average time for any application to reach the final City Planning Commission meeting is 76 days, or 2.52 months. The data breakdown is shown in Tables 2 and 3.

<u>Table 2:</u> Average Time from Application Accepted to Planning Commission by Type

Application Type	Avg. Days (Months)
All Application Types	76 (2.52)
Zone Change	80 (2.68)
Zone Change Study	216 (7.18)
Historic Designation	83 (2.76)
Notwithstanding Ordinance	30 (1)
Planned Development Establishment	103 (3.42)
Final Development Plan*	62 (2.07)
Major Amendment to the Concept Plan	76 (2.53)
Major Amendment to the Final Development Plan*	31 (1.02)

*Applications are not reviewed by City Council.

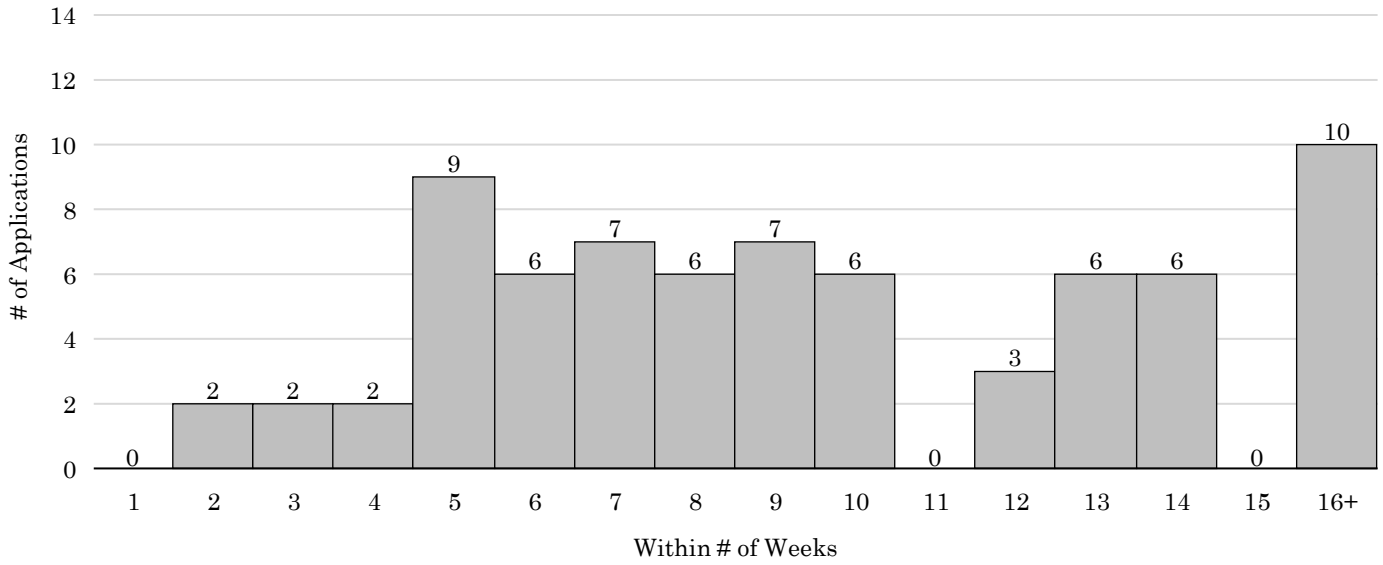
<u>Table 3:</u> Average Time from Application Accepted to City Council by Type

Application Type	Avg. Days (Months)
All Application Types	112 (3.74)
Zone Change	96 (3.20)
Zone Change Study	336 (11.20)
Historic Designation	124 (4.13)
Notwithstanding Ordinance	53 (1.77)
Planned Development Establishment	124 (4.14)
Final Development Plan*	
Major Amendment to the Concept Plan	123 (4.10)
Major Amendment to the Final Development Plan*	

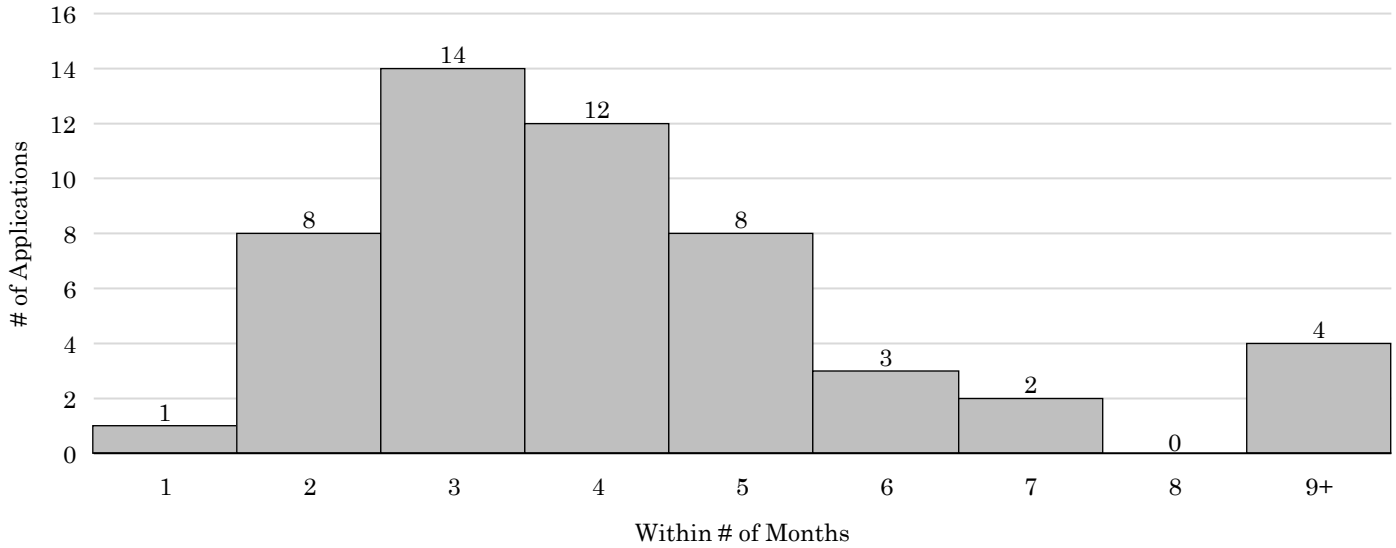
*Applications are not reviewed by City Council.

Graphs 1-2 illustrate the distribution of time for applications to reach both City Council and the final Planning Commission meeting.

<u>Graph 1:</u> Distribution of Time from Application Accepted to Final City Planning Commission



<u>Graph 2:</u> Distribution of Time from Application Accepted to City Council



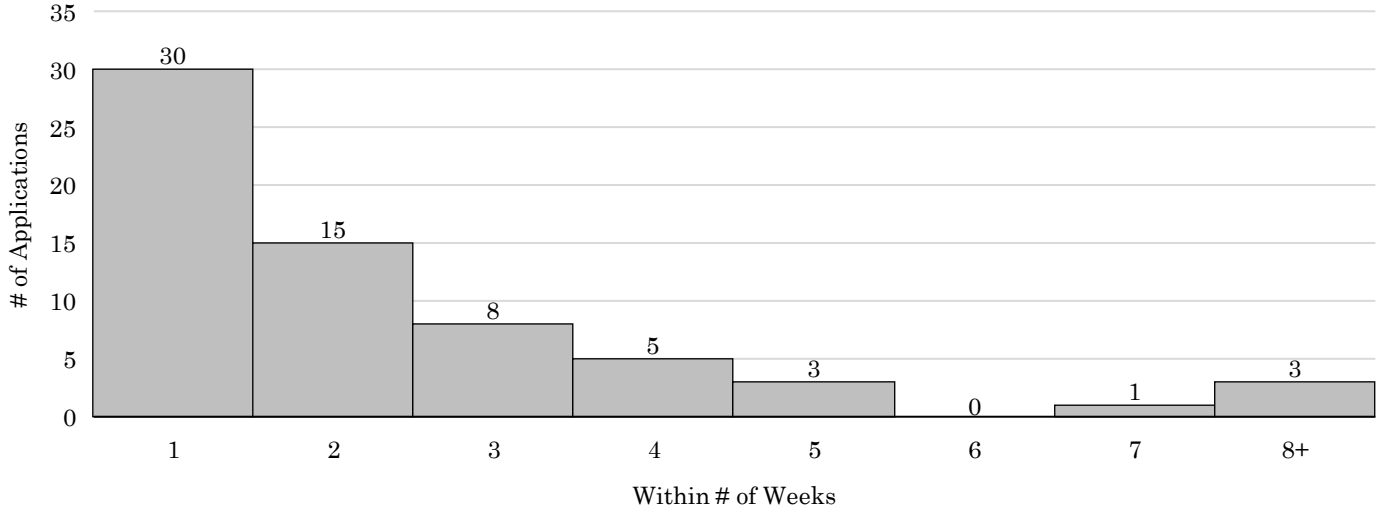
Findings – Time Between Steps

Staff also analyzed the time taken between each step of the process. Table 3 shows the average time between each step, and Graphs 3-7 illustrate the distribution of time for each of these steps.

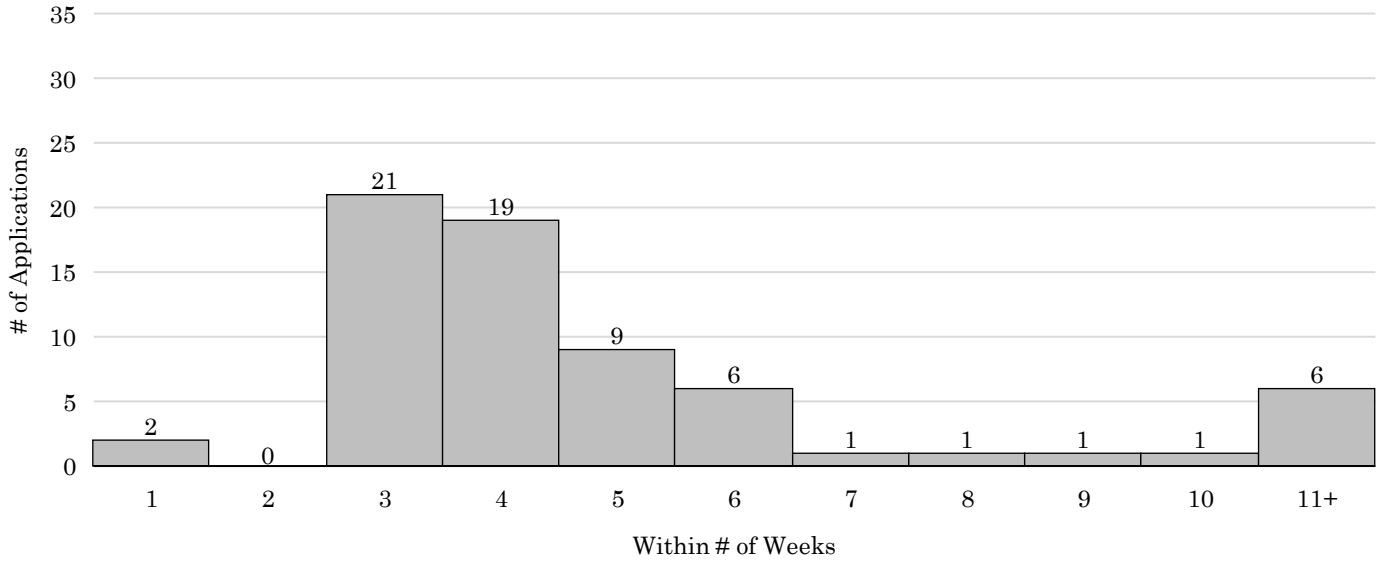
<u>Table 3:</u> Average Time Between Steps

Step	Avg. Days
Total Average Between Steps	32
Application Submitted and Application Accepted	23
Application Accepted and 1st Public Staff Conference	32
1st Public Staff Conference and 1st City Planning Commission	37
Historic Conservation Board and 1st City Planning Commission	31
Final City Planning Commission and City Council	38

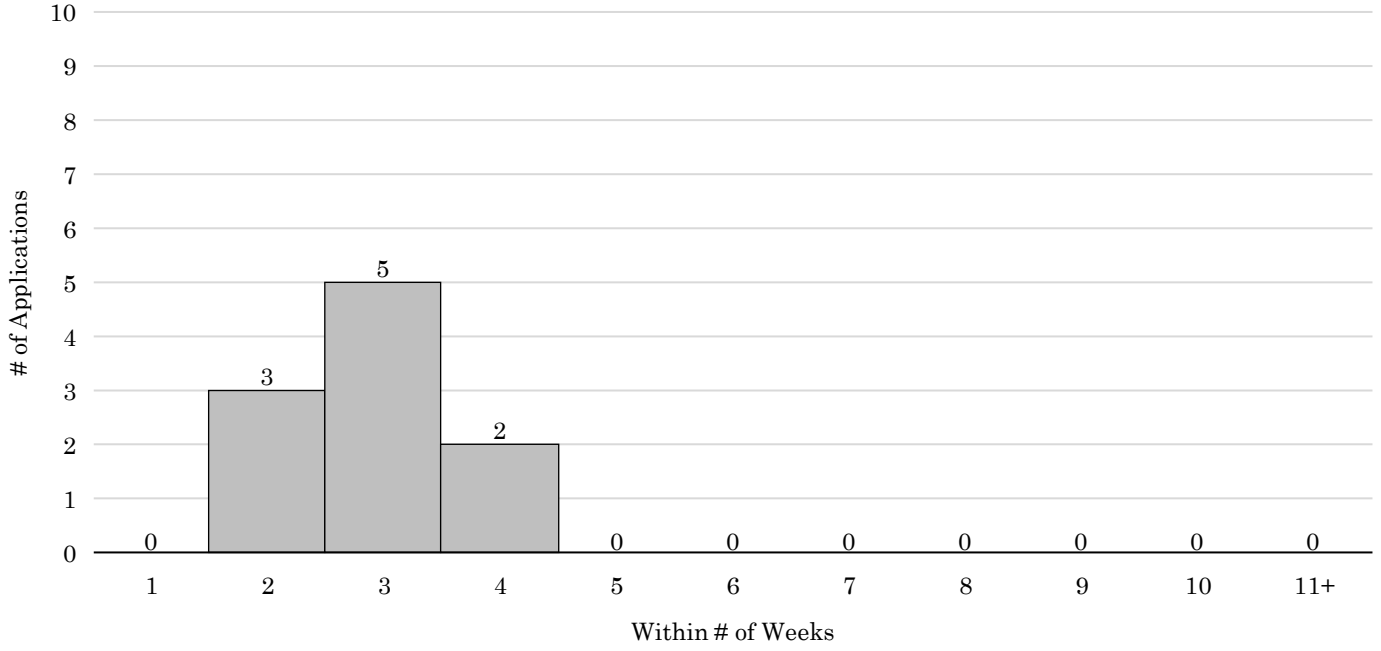
<u>Graph 3:</u> Time from Submission Date Until Application is Accepted



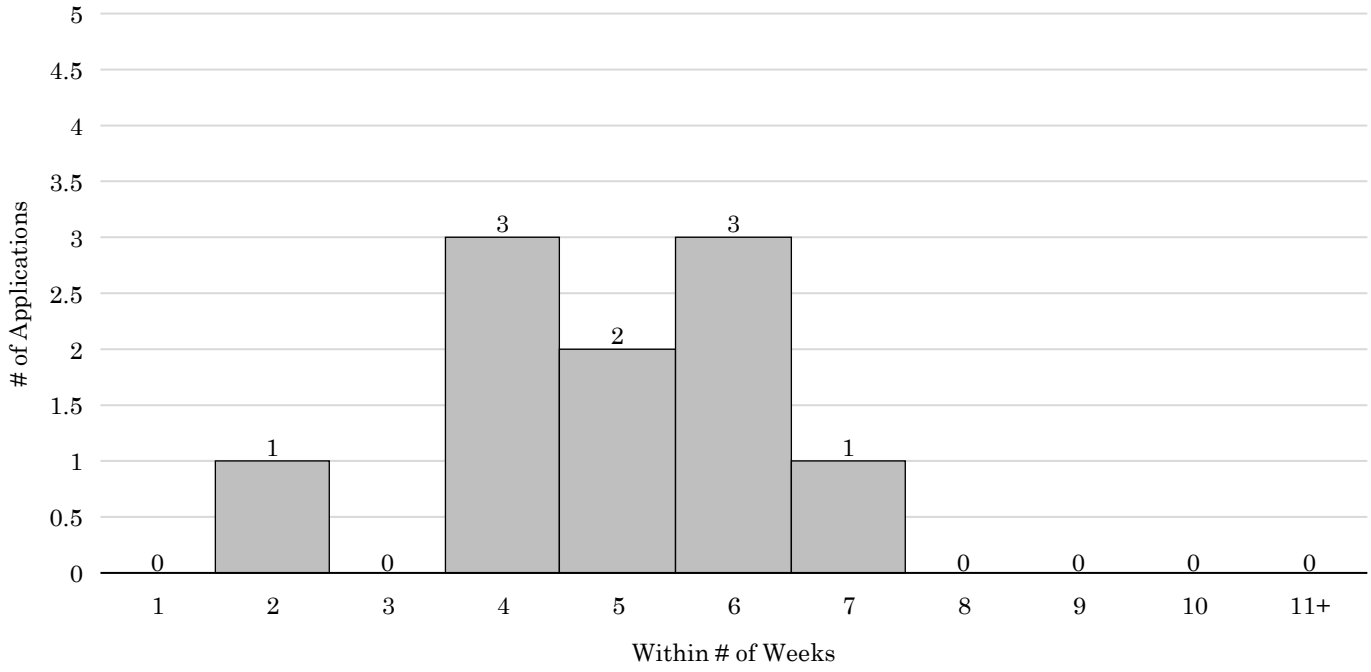
<u>Graph 4:</u> Time from Application Accepted to First Public Staff Conference



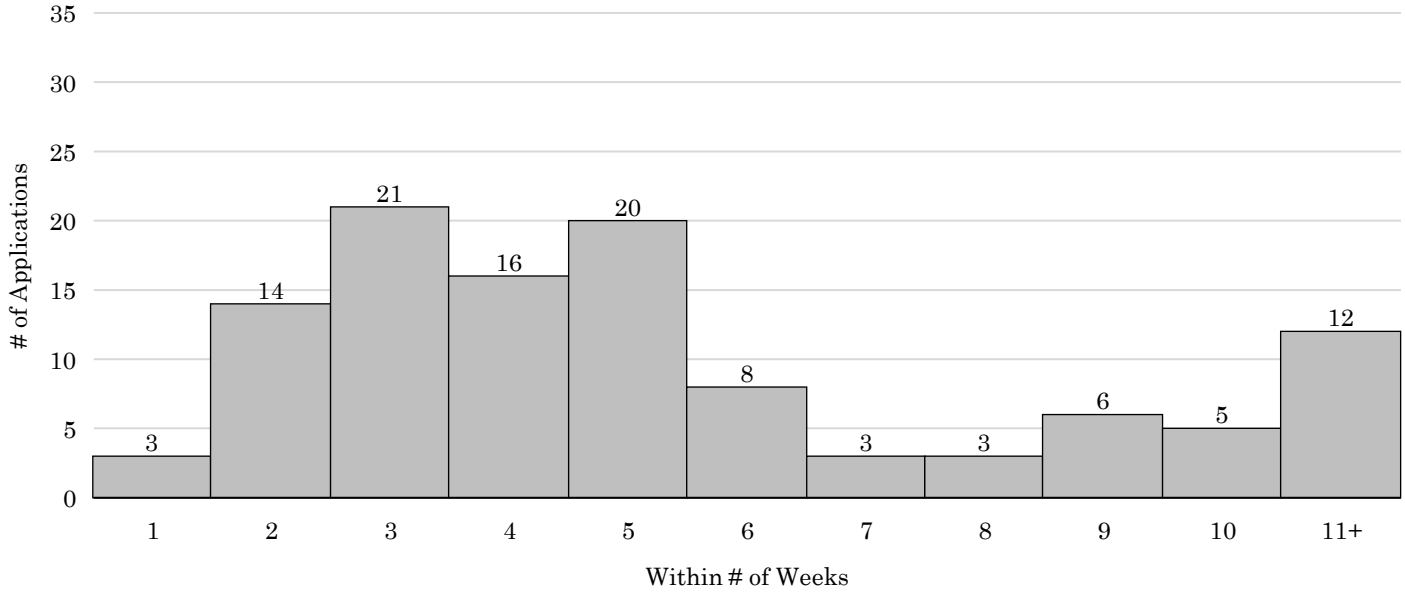
<u>Graph 5a:</u> Time from First Public Staff Conference to Historic Conservation Board



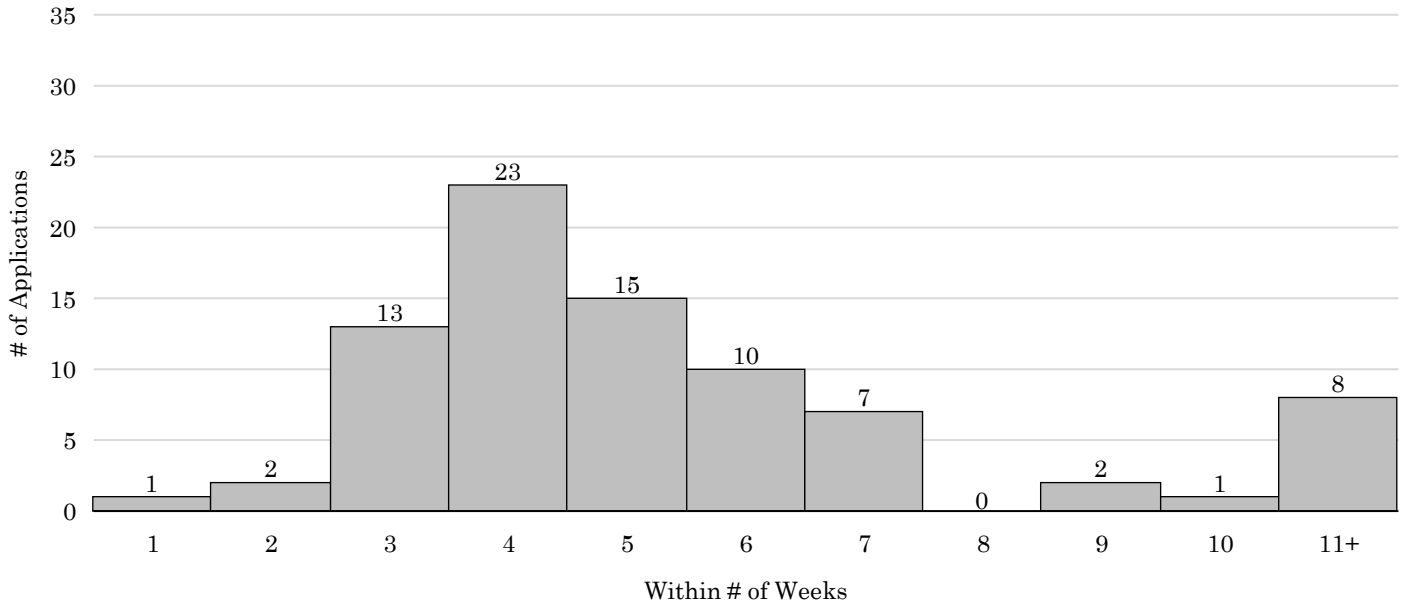
<u>Graph 5b:</u> Time from Historic Conservation Board to First City Planning Commission



<u>Graph 6:</u> Time from First Public Staff Conference to First City Planning Commission



<u>Graph 7:</u> Time from Final City Planning Commission to City Council



Outliers

There are eight outliers in the data for time until the final City Planning Commission, and four outliers for the time until City Council. Tables 4 and 5 outline the breakdown.

<u>Table 4:</u> Outliers in Time from Application Complete to Final Planning Commission

Application Type	# of PSCs	# of CPCs	# of Days (Mos.)
Zone Change**	3	1	445 (14.83)
Zone Change Study†	1	2	246 (8.20)
PD Establishment§	1	2	233 (7.77)
PD Major Amendment to the Concept Plan‡	1	2	232 (7.73)
Zone Change Study*	1	1	185 (6.17)
PD Establishment	1	1	182 (6.07)
Zone Change	1	1	168 (5.60)
PD Establishment	1	1	161 (5.37)

* † ‡ § Indicates the same application/project.

** This application was denied at City Planning Commission and the applicant requested it not move on to Council, hence why it is missing from the table below.

<u>Table 5:</u> Outliers in Time from Application Complete to City Council

Application Type	# of PSCs	# of CPCs	# of Days
Zone Change Study*	1	1	379 (12.63)
Zone Change Study†	1	2	293 (9.77)
PD Major Amendment to the Concept Plan‡	1	2	279 (9.30)
PD Establishment§	1	2	259 (8.63)

* † ‡ § Indicates the same application/project.

Minimums

There are no lower-range outliers for the dataset. However, analysis of the lowest numbers on the dataset provide valuable context for the minimum time for the process. Tables 6 and 7 outline the breakdown.

Table 6: **Shortest Time from Application Complete to Final City Planning Commission**

Application Type	# of PSCs	# of CPCs	# of Days (Mos.)
Notwithstanding Ordinance*	0	1	11
Notwithstanding Ordinance†	0	1	11
Notwithstanding Ordinance‡	0	1	18
Notwithstanding Ordinance	0	1	18
PD Final Development Plan	1	1	22

*†‡ Indicates the same application/project.

Table 7: **Shortest Time from Application Complete to City Council**

Application Type	# of PSCs	# of CPCs	# of Days
Notwithstanding Ordinance*	0	1	23
Notwithstanding Ordinance†	0	1	37
Notwithstanding Ordinance‡	0	1	37
Notwithstanding Ordinance	0	1	41
Zone Change	1	1	48

*†‡ Indicates the same application/project.

CONCLUSIONS

The average time for a general zone change application to go through the full process to City Council is approximately 112 days, or 3.74 months. The official Zone Change application and DCPE guidance for applicants suggests a 4 to 6 month process. 64% of applications in the analysis reached City Council within 4 months, and 88% of applications reached City Council within 6 months.

The applications with the highest average time until City Council are Zoning Studies, at 336 days (11.2 months). However, the data for this application type is limited with only two points, both of which are outliers in the broader dataset. This is followed by Planned Development Establishments and Historic Designations, with a tied average of 124 days (4.14 months). This standing reflects the higher level of complexity associated with Planned Development projects, as well as the additional public hearing required for Historic Designations. All of the applications with the highest average time to the Final City Planning Commission are items that also go on to City Council.

The average time between each step in the process is approximately 32 days. The step with the longest average time is going to City Council, at 38 days on average, followed by going to the first City Planning Commission meeting, at 37 days on average.

The outliers in the dataset reveal that the major drivers of increased process time are complexity and/or controversy, with both of the only zoning studies in the dataset, typically significantly complex projects, occupying the top number of days until City Council. Other outlier projects included highly controversial projects and projects in which DCPE Staff recommended denial.

The minimum values reveal that the fastest projects are those that require the fewest number of steps, in this case Notwithstanding Ordinances which do not require a Public Staff Conference. The PD Final Development Plan, which is the second-lowest time application type, is not required to go to City Council. The shortest process time for a standard zone change application, which goes through all the required steps, is 48 days (within 7 weeks, or 1.6 months), establishing the floor for all other applications. 67% of all applications made it to City Council within a range of days 1.5x above this value (96 days). 81% of applications made it to City Council within a range of days 2x above this value (144 days).

Ultimately, these findings illustrate that the time between scheduling each step is fairly consistent, and the majority of applications finish within the DCPE anticipated timeline. Each step is defined by a meeting or public hearing that is preceded by a 14 day minimum notice period, and the minimum expectation for a standard process can be no fewer than 48 days, with an average expectation of 112 days. Extremely long processes that take longer than 6 months to reach City Council, or 7 weeks to pass City Planning Commission, are uncommon. The reason for long processes in the outlier cases is primarily due to extended back and forth between either the applicant and DCPE staff on complex projects, or the applicant and the community on controversial projects.

The Department of City Planning and Engagement is committed to reviewing all applications in a timely manner but is also dedicated to ensuring community engagement and following all guidelines related to notification. The Zone Change process must balance both of those priorities.

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