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To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600165  
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: 2026 AfriFest: Taste of Africa**

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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 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: 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