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MOTION

WE MOVE that the City of Cincinnati commit \$500,000 to help catalyze the Avondale grocery store project.

WE FURTHER MOVE that these dollars come from the City Operating or Capital Budget within the next two Fiscal Year budget cycles.

WE FURTHER MOVE that these City dollars be contingent on there being a Community Benefits Agreement between the grocery operator and the neighborhood and its longtime partners who have advocated passionately for this outcome, as represented by the Avondale Community Council, Avondale Community Development Corporation, The Center for Closing the Health Gap, and The Urban League in order to ensure that ongoing quality standards for the neighborhood are met; and also be contingent on vetting and due diligence from the City's Department of Community and Economic Development; and finally, be contingent on a financial match against City dollars from other partners.

STATEMENT

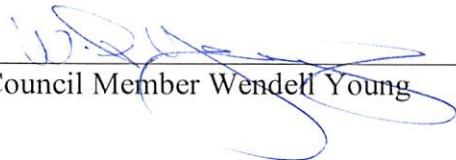
The neighborhood of Avondale has been categorized as a food desert, where residents - who are predominantly black and low-income - do not have reasonable access to a grocery store, particularly one with fresh fruits and vegetables. Recently, an opportunity has emerged to bring a grocery store to Avondale for the first time in many years. In order to seize this opportunity to do the right and equitable thing for the health and wellbeing of the community, the City of Cincinnati should partner in order to help catalyze this project.



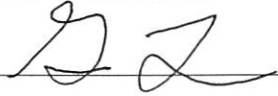
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