

Date: January 28, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202600185
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION: 2026 Freedom Center Juneteenth Block Party**

In accordance with Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 765; Shawnee Turner 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 Freedom Center Juneteenth Black Party
EVENT SPONSOR/PRODUCER: Shawnee Turner
CONTACT PERSON: Shawnee Turner
LOCATION: Fountain Square - 500 Vine St
DATE(S) AND TIME(S): 06/19/2026 0900 to 5pm
EVENT DESCRIPTION: Community event produced by the Freedom Center to celebrate Juneteenth
ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE: 5,000
ALCOHOL SALES: ☐ YES. ☒ NO.
TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT HOLDER IS: N/A

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