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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING the Avondale Youth Council and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Avondale Youth Council's creative, tenacious, and civic-minded members and its integral contributions to the Avondale Resilience Hub Project.

WHEREAS, the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan includes a Resilience & Climate Adaptation focus area, which outlines goals and priority actions tied to developing neighborhood resilience hubs to foster community connection and increase emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, efforts to co-develop a network of resilience hubs in Avondale, starting with the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, will empower residents to more effectively and quickly respond to daily challenges, seasonal changes, emergencies, and long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, the City's Office of Environment & Sustainability has partnered with the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio and Groundwork Ohio River Valley on a grant from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to support the Avondale Resilience Hub Project; and

WHEREAS, a key component of the Avondale Resilience Hub Project is the co-creation of an Avondale Resilience Hub Needs Assessment (the "Needs Assessment"), which will guide the development of a network of resilience hubs across Avondale; and

WHEREAS, the Needs Assessment was designed by the grant partners and a team of residents serving as the Resilience Hub Advisory Committee and was informed by a neighborhood-wide Resilience Hub Needs Survey (the "Needs Survey"); and

WHEREAS, the Avondale Youth Council played a vital role in engaging Avondale residents, administering the Needs Survey, and explaining the purpose and importance of neighborhood resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Avondale Youth Council was responsible for collecting over 77 percent of all survey responses—339 out of a total 439—and surpassing their original goal of 200 survey responses; and

WHEREAS, 95 percent of those responses were gathered through hard-copy surveys using in-person outreach methods, significantly helping the project bridge the digital divide within Avondale's residents; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council recognize the Avondale Youth Council for its creative, tenacious, and civic-minded members and its integral contributions to the Avondale Resilience Hub Project.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the Avondale Youth Council through the Office of Councilmember Meeka D. Owens.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Meeka D. Owens