

**COUNCIL CALENDAR - Final**

Councilmember Meeka Owens, Chairperson  
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding, Member  
Councilmember Seth Walsh, Member

March 26, 2024

10:00 AM

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**PRESENTATIONS**

**New Americans Project - Freestore Foodbank**  
**Angela King - Director of Social Services**  
**Nuyia Banales - Service Coordinator**

**The Climate Displaced Persons Act**  
**Mike Roman, Ph.D. MPH MA - Advocate**

**AGENDA**

1. PRESENTATION, dated March 21, 2024, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Angela King, Director of Social Services; Nuyia Banales, Service Coordinator, Freestore Foodbank, regarding New Americans Project.

**Sponsors:** Owens

**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)

2. PRESENTATION, dated March 21, 2024, submitted by Councilmember Owens, from Mike Roman, Ph.D. MPH MA, University of Cincinnati, regarding The Climate Displaced Persons Act.

**Sponsors:** Owens

**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)

3. ORDINANCE submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/13/2024, MODIFYING Chapter 507, “One-Way Streets,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by AMENDING Section 507-1-F, “Fifteenth Street, west from Vine Street to Central Parkway,” to convert the portion of Fifteenth Street located between Walnut Street and Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood from a two-way street to a westbound one-way street.

**Sponsors:** City Manager

**Attachments:** [Transmittal Ordinance](#)

**Legislative History**

3/13/24	Cincinnati City Council	Referred to Climate, Environment & Infrastructure Committee to the Climate, Environment & Infrastructure
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# NEW AMERICANS PROJECT

Angela King, Director of Social Services  
Nuyia Banales, Service Coordinator

# Committee Mission

In Partnership with the Human Service Chamber and several other community organizations:

Identify ways in which member organizations work together to enhance and increase accessibility of services to non-English speaking, migrant and refugee residents; explore resources for funding, advocate for an increase in accessibility of local government services and advance local public policies that welcome new Americans and empower them to contribute more politically, economically and socially towards a thriving region.



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# Program Description

**PURPOSE:** To assist individuals who identify as Immigrants or Refugees eliminate barriers that lead to increased risk of homelessness within Hamilton County.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Individuals who have resettled to the region within the past 3-6 months and must have a physical residence in Hamilton County.



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# Program Description continued

PROCESS: Individuals and families can be referred to the program by the Central Access Point (CAP), FSFB staff member, or another partner agency. Individuals meet with a service coordinator to determine immediate needs that could result in homelessness and work on a plan to eliminate those barriers.

LENGTH OF SERVICE: The purpose is to move the individual from an active crisis state onto a path of stability. Service coordination is minimally from 3 months not to exceed 6 months.



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# Outcomes

We will focus on working with individuals and families to impact the following areas:

- Employment and training
- Housing resources
- Access to health and mental health services
- Referral and connection to advocacy and immigration Legal services
- Basic needs, such as food, clothing, and furniture
- Benefits assistance including SNAP and Medicaid enrollment, if eligible
- Referrals to other community providers that focus on specific needs for Immigrants and Refugees



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Search for the New Americans Project (NAP) info  
under HOPE



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Thank you!

# The Climate Displaced Persons Act

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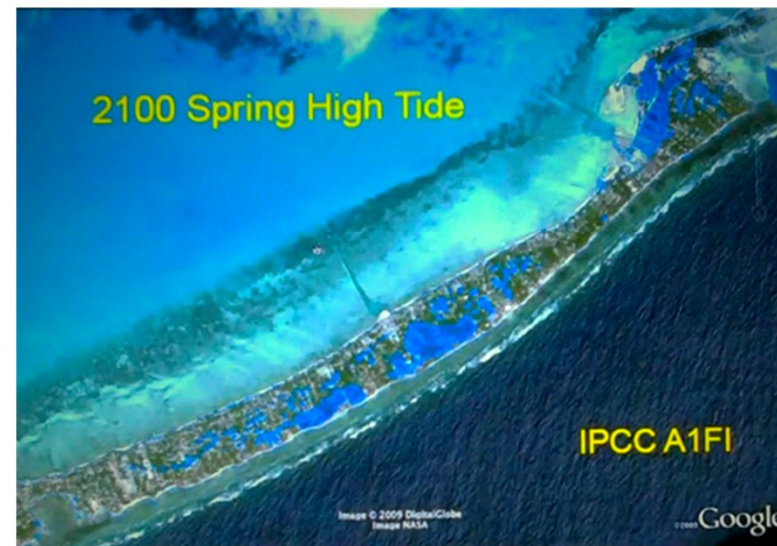
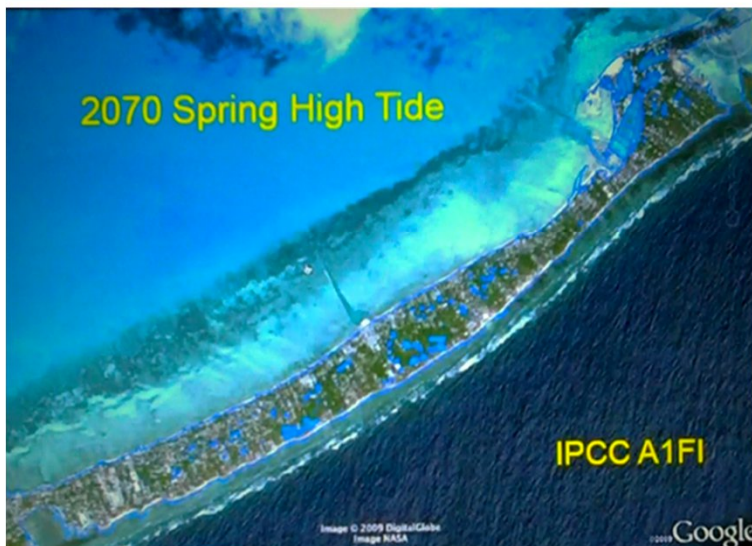
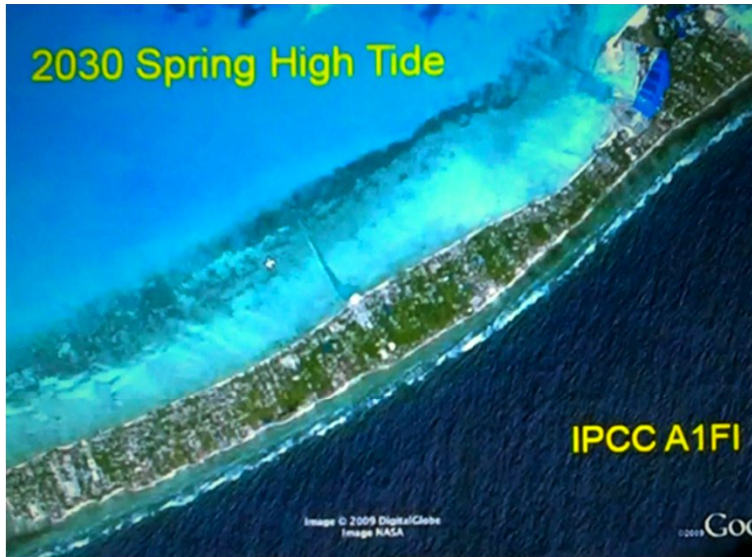


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## UN human rights ruling could boost climate change asylum claims



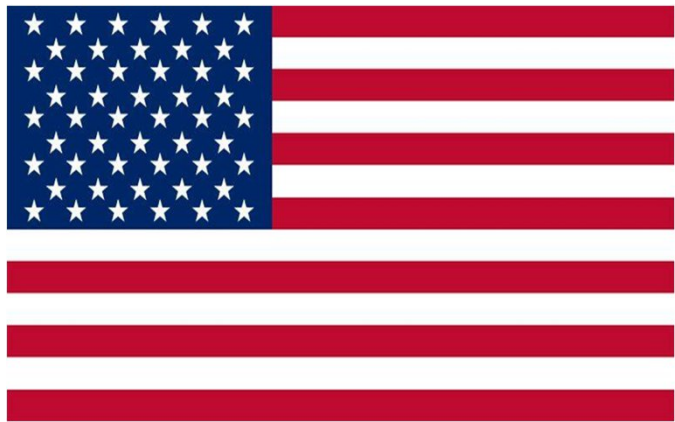
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# CDPA

To establish a Global Climate Change Resilience Strategy, to authorize the admission of climate-displaced persons into the United States, and for other purposes.



## CLIMATE-DISPLACED PERSON

Any person who, for reasons of sudden or progressive change in the environment that adversely affects his or her life or living conditions is obliged to leave his or her habitual home, either within his or her country of nationality or in another country; needs a durable resettlement solution and whose government cannot or will not provide such durable resettlement solutions.

# Components

1. Data collection & reporting
2. Global climate change resilience strategy
3. Training of FSOs on CC resilience & humanitarian impacts
4. Admission of climate displaced persons
5. Authorization of appropriations

Date: March 13, 2024

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202400828  
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
Subject: ORDINANCE – Amending CMC 507-1-F Fifteenth Street West Walnut to Vine

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Attached is an ordinance captioned as follows:

**MODIFYING** Chapter 507, “One-Way Streets,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code by **AMENDING** Section 507-1-F, “Fifteenth Street, west from Vine Street to Central Parkway,” to convert the portion of Fifteenth Street located between Walnut Street and Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood from a two-way street to a westbound one-way street.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering evaluated and supported a request from local stakeholders to convert a portion of 15<sup>th</sup> St., between Walnut St. and Vine St. in Over-the-Rhine, from two-way traffic to one-way traffic. After public engagement, this change was approved at Cincinnati Planning Commission on February 16, 2024. This change will not significantly impact existing street parking and is intended to improve traffic flow and enhance safety.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

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WHEREAS, the stakeholders along Fifteenth Street between Walnut Street and Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood requested the conversion of vehicle traffic on Fifteenth Street from two-way to one-way to address safety concerns associated with the street’s width; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission, having the authority to approve the change in use of streets, approved the conversion of the portion of Fifteenth Street located between Walnut Street and Vine Street from a two-way street to a westbound one-way street at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Council considers the conversion of the portion of Fifteenth Street located between Walnut Street and Vine Street from a two-way street to a westbound one-way street to be in the best interests of the City and the public’s health, safety, morals, and general welfare; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Section 507-1-F, “Fifteenth Street, west from Vine Street to Central Parkway,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 507-1-F. Fifteenth Street, west from ~~Vine~~ Walnut Street to Central Parkway.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to carry out the provisions and intent of this ordinance, including the fabrication and installation of street signage in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s policies and procedures.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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New language is underscored. Deleted language is struck through.