**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the City's 2024 Business Enterprise Expo; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Special Events Fund 314.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo will be hosted by the City's Department of Economic Inclusion ("DEI") on October 11, 2024, at the Cintas Center, located on Xavier University's campus; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo will allow DEI-certified businesses (subcontractors) to meet larger businesses (prime contractors) within the City, promote peer-to-peer networking, and strengthen the relationship between DEI and the City's business community; and

WHEREAS, DEI also will certify new businesses at the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo; and

WHEREAS, DEI has hosted two previous Business Enterprise Expos, both of which had over 300 attendees and seventy business participants; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Business Enterprise Expo is in accordance with the "Compete" goal to "[f]oster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity" and the strategy to "[b]uild a streamlined and cohesive development process" as described on pages 103 and 111-112 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion are authorized to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the City's 2024 Business Enterprise Expo.

Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the donated funds into Special Events Fund 314.

Section 3.	That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and
proper to comply	with the terms of Section 1 and 2.
Section 4.	That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest
period allowed by	law.
Passed:	, 2024
	Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest:\_\_\_\_

Clerk