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FY27 Budget Realignment

We ask that the following readjustments and recommendations be taken into consideration as the final budget is formed:

LEVERAGED SUPPORT REALIGNMENT

- That an increase to the leverage support be made between \$900,000 and \$1,100,000 to accommodate trends a readjustment that have been previously made by the Mayor and Council.¹²

QUALITY OF LIFE INVESTMENTS

- \$487,500 to the Mobile Crisis Team housed within the Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services.³
- A minimum of \$300,000 to support free summer camps for children during the summer of 2028.
- \$200,000 be used to seed the creation of a Gun Violence Victims Memorial spelt out in Motion #202401206.
- \$350,000 to the University of Cincinnati Health System for the purpose of acquiring an Ion Robotic Bronchoscopy System and Dedicated Operating Room.
- That additional funding be made to the City's internal home repair programs to increase quality of life for homeowners in Cincinnati.

REGIONAL ASSESTS

- \$2 million to offset the costs of Cincinnati Police specific upgrades at the Regional Safety Complex.⁴
- That funding be fully restored to economic development partners who receive matching funds from state sources.⁵

¹ Council and the Mayor have on average gone above the administration's recommendation by 66%, over the past three fiscal years, this investment would represent a 66% increase from the administration recommendation.

² My office believes that these organizations should be prioritized through Leveraged Support: Center for Addiction Treatment (C.A.T), Lighthouse, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Kid Futures

³ This funding is critical towards a continuation of a critical services as ARPA dollars are no longer available. Hamilton County is also actively considering support to the MCT.

⁴ This reflects payment for upgrades that were specifically requested by the Cincinnati Police Department

⁵ The partners should include, but not be limited to: REDI, Centrifuse, CincyTech, the PORT and others.

CLIMATE INVESTMENTS

- That \$100,000 be restored for the Seeds of Change competitive grant program.
- That 1% of all Cincy on Track funding (CSR revenues) be used for climate investments including but not limited to, energy efficiency.⁶



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⁶ This would be a \$580,000 investment, in FY27, to aid departments in having the resources to have climate conscious improvements. We would not look for there to be a change to the Cincy on Track plan but rather that these funds be made available for climate investments related to the current plan.