

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Royce Sutton and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for Mr. Sutton's outstanding career with Fifth Third Bank, superior leadership in government, and legendary commitment to community inclusivity and economic development in Cincinnati, Ohio and abroad.

WHEREAS, Royce Sutton is an experienced Community Reinvestment Act ("CRA") compliance manager with more than twenty years of regulatory and community development achievements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton served as a Corporate CRA officer at Civitas Bank, and Executive director of RESPECT, Incorporated, in Evansville, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree from Indiana State University and graduated from the American Bankers Association National Community Development Lending School at the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton was an elected councilman on the Vanderburgh County Council in Indiana for almost eighteen years and was a member of both the Evansville Riverboat Gaming Study Commission and Indiana Civil Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton had the desire to make more of a community impact and joined Fifth Third Bank in 2000 and most recently held the position of Senior Vice president, Ohio CED Central Market Manager, Fifth Third Bank; and

WHEREAS, in leadership at Fifth Third Bank, Mr. Sutton headed a new \$180 million investment project to redevelop neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this project, one of the most important projects in the history of Fifth Third Bank, was created to enhance predominantly Black neighborhoods nationwide, including the Cincinnati neighborhood of Avondale; and

WHEREAS, this \$20 million economic boost to the Avondale community will allow for various types of neighborhood revitalization loans, mortgages, and small business implementations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton stated that "this community's quality of life plan and the residents' vision for Avondale is the future"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton has been an Avondale Development Corporation board member since 2018 and served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees since 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton has continued to serve the community in various positions, such as treasurer of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber Board of Trustees, board member of the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, member of the Cincinnati UNCF Advisory Council, trustee of New Prospect Baptist Church, as well as serving as a reading tutor at Rockdale Academy Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton is dedicated to his family, which includes his wife, Lori, and four adult children, Taryn, Quinn, Austin, and William; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutton has built a legacy of community advocacy in the areas of government, economic development, and self-investment to create a better world; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Royce Sutton for his outstanding career with Fifth Third Bank, superior leadership in government, and legendary commitment to community inclusivity and economic development in Cincinnati, Ohio and abroad.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Royce Sutton through the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney