

# **City of Cincinnati**

801 Plum Street Cincinnati, OH 45202

# Agenda - Final-revised

# **Healthy Neighborhoods**

Chairperson, Jan-Michele Kearney Vice Chairperson, Victoria Parks Councilmember Anna Albi Councilmember Scotty Johnson

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

12:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **SPEAKERS**

#### "KNOW YOUR RIGHTS"

Mayra Casas Jackson, Executive Director of Immigrant and Refugee Law Center

## CINCINNATI & HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S RESOURCES FOR NEW AMERICANS

**David Siders, Civic Engagement Coordinator** 

#### PARTNERSHIP FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY

Laura Moese, President. LULAC Ohio Educational Foundation

Afonso Cornejo, President, Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati Foundation

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. 202500201 PRESENTATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, regarding Immigrant &

Refugee Law Center, as well as knowledge, empowerment, justice.

**Sponsors:** Kearney

Attachments: Presentation

2. 202500202 PRESENTATION, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, regarding Cincinnati &

Hamilton County Public Library's Resources for New Americans.

**Sponsors:** Kearney

**Attachments:** Presentation

**3.** 202500205 **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, regarding a Partnership

for a Strong Community.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Kearney
<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Presentation</u>

**AGENDA** 

**4.** 202500171 **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the

administration provide a report within ninety (90) days on ways that the City currently is supporting our immigrant communities. (BALANCE ON FILE IN

THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

<u>Sponsors:</u> Kearney

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Motion</u>

**5.** <u>202500089</u> **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Parks, **WE MOVE** that the

administration enact the following requirements to increase visibility and accessibility of wheelchair-accessible restrooms at public events. (BALANCE

ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

**Sponsors:** Parks

<u>Attachments:</u> Motion 202500089

**6.** 202500038 **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, **WE MOVE** that the City

Administration provide a report within ninety (90) days on the City's existing food contracts and procurement policies. This report should also reference how our current procurement policies align with our Green Cincinnati Plan, as well as with international best practices, such as the CityHealth Medal for Healthy Food Procurement, the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact and the Natural

Resource Defense Council (NRDC).

Sponsors: Albi

<u>Attachments:</u> 202500038

7. 202500167 MOTION (AMENDED), submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney and

Councilmembers Johnson and Parks, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati \*provide a report in two weeks on what actions are currently in place to\* take the following actions to ensure equity in the disbursement of the proceeds of

the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway so that our underserved neighborhoods benefit from the proceeds from the sale in terms of both existing infrastructure and new economic development opportunities. (BALANCE ON THE FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT

ATTACHED)

**Sponsors:** Kearney, Johnson and Parks

Attachments: Motion

#### **ADJOURNMENT**



Mayra Casas Jackson mjackson@irlawcenter.org 513-473-9430

# **MISSION**

The Immigrant and Refugee Law Center provides accessible legal services to immigrant and refugee families in the Greater Cincinnati community.

# **VISION**

Equal and trusted access to justice and legal services for immigrants and refugees in the Greater Cincinnati area and a more welcoming, safer, and more stable community for families.

# **IMMIGRATION BASICS**

Status: Undocumented

# Ways to Obtain:

- Ø Foreign-born person who do not possess a valid visa or other immigration documentation, because they entered the U.S. without inspection
- Ø Visa overstay
- Ø Otherwise violated terms of status

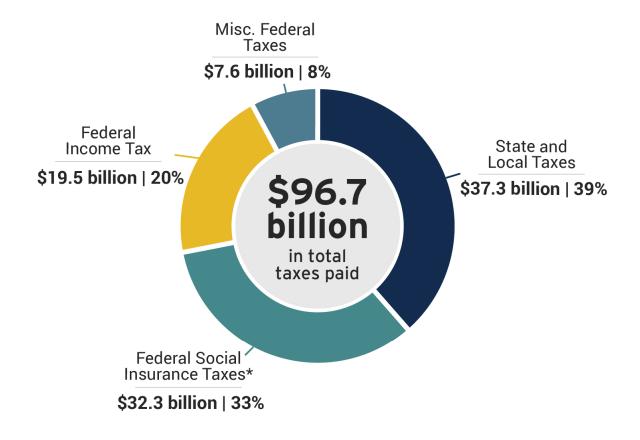
# Rights:

- Ø Not employment eligible
- Ø Not able to "adjust" to another status (with rare exceptions)
- Ø Not eligible for public benefits (generally)
- Ø Access court services, emergency services (shelters), education, emergency medical care, constitutional rights (Know Your Rights!)

# Can an Undocumented Person obtain Immigration Status?

- U-Visa (Victim of crime)
- VAWA (Victim of domestic violence by USC or LPR spouse or child)
- Asylum (Persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. Apply within one year of arrival)
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (Children victims of abuse, neglect, or abandonment)
- Temporary Protected Status

# Tax Contributions by Undocumented Immigrants in 2022



<sup>\*</sup>Includes both employer and employee shares of levies that fund Social Security and Medicare, plus the federal portion of Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes. As seen in Figure 2 of this report, adding state UI taxes to this category reveals the total social insurance tax contribution to be \$33.9 billion, or nearly 35 percent of total taxes paid. Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy

Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy | ITEPorg

# Economic Impact of Immigrants & Refugees in the Cincinnati Region



\$320M

Immigrant & refugee contributions to Social Security and Medicare

\$4.1B

Total household income of immigrants & refugees in the Cincinnati region

\$2.9B

Total spending power of immigrants & refugees in the Cincinnati region

\$385M

State & income taxes paid by immigrants & refugees in the Cincinnati region

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Cincinnati Compass

Knowing how to protect your rights and your families is very important. This infographic will help you with some of the things you can say when you or your family feels under attack.



You have the right to **remain silent** – immigration officers will use anything you say against you.



You have the right to refuse search of your car or home—ask to see a warrant.



You have the right to **call an attorney** – have the information of an attorney somewhere safe and easy to get to.



You can refuse to sign anything that you do not understand – **do not sign any documents.** 

THIS IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE, BUT GUIDANCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO RESPOND IN CASE OF ENCOUNTERS WITH I.C.E OR POLICE OFFICERS



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File No.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

## Warrant of Removal/Deportation

Pursuant to Section 217

To any Officer or Employee of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

Pursuant to Section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, an authorized officer of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement has ordered that

(Full Name of Alien)

who entered the United States at or near removal/deportation from the United States, based upon a final order by:

□ an Immigration Judge in exclusion, deportation, or removal proceedings
 □ a District Director or a District Director's designated Official
 □ the Board of Immigration Appeals
 □ a United States District or Magistrate Court Judge

be deported from the United States of America. I, the undersigned Officer of the United States, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Attorney General under the laws of the United States and by his or direction, command you to take into custody and remove from the United States the above-named alien, pursuant to law, at the expense of appropriation "Salaries and Expense, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 2007 ", including the expenses of an attendant, if necessary.

(Signature of INS Official)

Field Office Director/Dallas, TX (Title of Authorized Official)

(Date)

Form I-205 (Rev 4-1-97)

**AN IMMIGRATION ORDER DOES NOT GIVE THE OFFICER PERMISSION TO ENTER YOUR** HOME...BUT

**ICE IS LIKELY TO SEARCH FOR YOU IN A PUBLIC PLACE WITH** THIS TYPE OF ORDER



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# City of Cincinnati Healthy Neighborhoods Committee:

Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library's Resources for New Americans

**David Siders**, Civic Engagement Coordinator david.siders@chpl.org

Relationship building and welcoming spaces are key to developing trust and deeper connections to Library resources.





# STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK





Connecting people with the world of ideas and information.





# **ESOL Educational Opportunities**





# ESOL Conversation Group

- All levels are welcome.
- Practice and improve your English-speaking skills at our conversation group for speakers of other languages.

# Pre-Beginner / Beginner ESOL Class

- Covers foundational skills in English.
- The goal of this class is to build confidence in speaking. We start with the ABCs, numbers, and basic vocabulary and will move slowly from there.



# Preparing for the U.S. Citizenship Exam



# Want to become a U.S. Citizen?

This free, ten-session class is to prepare for the test for U.S. citizenship. The class is appropriate for adults 18 years and older who are eligible to become U.S. citizens.



# **Vital Resources**

# Peterson's Test Prep

- U.S. Citizenship Practice Tests
- Becoming a U.S. Citizen



# **Transparent Language Online**



# **Job & Career Help**

 Help with resumes, job interviews, and paperwork at 41 branches.

# Free online resources:

- LinkedIn Learning
- Job Now
- Universal Class
- Adult Education appointments



#### **JobNow**

Work with live, expert job coaches on every part of the job search process--from career coaching to resume help to interview tips.



#### LinkedIn Learning

Video tutorials in tech and business by industry experts. Professional certificate prep and continuing education credits.



#### **Universal Class**

Access over 500 online continuing education classes including: office skills, career training, homeschooling, entrepreneurship, and health.

Ask a Librarian Appointment

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# **Thank You**

Questions?

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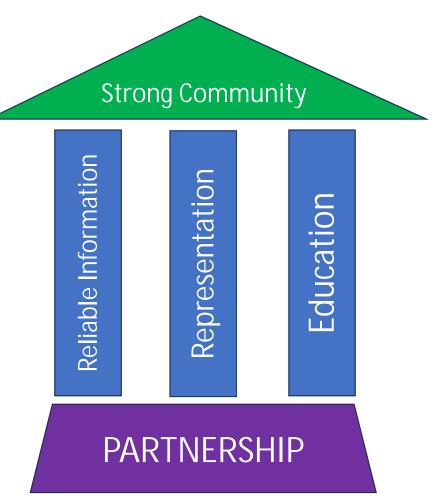
# **PARTNERSHIP**

# for a STRONG COMMUNITY

4 February 2025 Laura Moese - President, <u>LULAC Ohio Educational Foundation</u> Afonso Cornejo - President, <u>Hispanic Chamber Cincinnati Foundation</u>

# Apoyar Cincinnati's Hispanics

- We seek your PARTNERSHIP to help our community navigate today's fear, chaos, and turbulence.
- We focus on 3 pillars:



# **Share Reliable Information**

- Distribute "Know Your Rights" information in Spanish & English.
  - ✓ Educate people how to react when officers come to their homes, schools, and churches, or they are detained on the streets.
- Continue the Latino Coalition and our work with local police departments to enable communication and foster goodwill with the community.
  - ✓ We appreciate the continued efforts of the Cincinnati Police Department to minimize vandalism, robbery, harassment and other crimes against the Hispanic Community.
- Add more bilingual Hispanics to the Police Department.

# **Grow our Presence**

**REPRESENTATION**: Data show that Hispanics are underrepresented in city government and key services.

We recommend that we work TOGETHER to:

- Create the Cincinnati Hispanic Resource Group to meet monthly and address ways to increase Hispanic representation.
  - ✓ This group will provide regular updates and measurable outcomes.
  - ✓ We have access to experts and leaders in our community that can help identify qualified Hispanic candidates.
- Increase representation among the Staff within Cincinnati City Council and the Mayor's office.
- Add more bilingual Hispanics to city services.

#### City Employees:

Number of Full Time Employees by Race:		
WHITE	3,297	
BLACK	1,704	
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	80	
HISPANIC	76	
UNKNOWN	66	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	19	

### Police Department:

Number of Full Time Emplo	yees by Race:
WHITE	741
BLACK	303
UNKNOWN	27
HISPANIC	21
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	10
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	5

#### Fire Department:

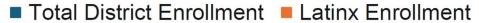
	Number of Full Time Emplo	yees by Race:
-	WHITE	630
	BLACK	235
	HISPANIC	15
	UNKNOWN	14
	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	10
	AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	3

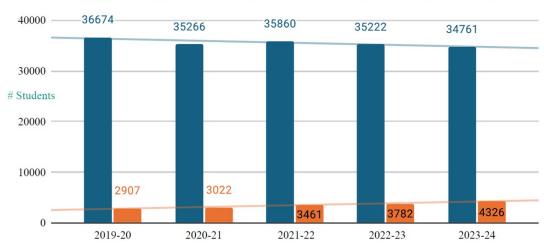
# **Educate our Community**

- EDUCATION: We work directly with the CPS Superintendent and the School Board.
- We partner with local Universities, High Schools and Elementary Schools to insure a safe and secure atmosphere so our Hispanic Students focus on learning and growing.
  - ✓ We helped implement an anti-bullying program that delivered considerable progress,
  - ✓ A flyer in Spanish on how to deal with Bullying is being distributed in the community.
- TODAY: Increased fear and bullying exacerbate <u>mental health</u> issues and have become a pressing concern for our children.
  - We need your support to address the lack of representation among administrators, teachers, and staff to better serve the needs of Hispanic students..

Hispanic enrollment is growing and our students need support.

# **CPS Total District Enrollment**





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Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Vice Mayor

January 28, 2025

#### MOTION

**WE MOVE** that the administration provide a report within ninety (90) days on ways that the City currently is supporting our immigrant communities and feasibility of suggestions such as the following:

- 1. Create a "Know Your Rights" reference in multiple languages including but not limited to Spanish and English on the City's website to help immigrant families;
- 2. Create a link on the City's website to Compass and other resource groups;
- 3. Create a Hispanic Employee Resource Group to meet monthly and address ways to increase Hispanic representation across all departments.
- 4. Create information on the City's website about anti-bullying programs in schools as well as the process for reporting and addressing hate crimes.

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#### **STATEMENT**

Cincinnati is a sanctuary city, yet, members of our immigrant communities are living in fear of leaving their homes, taking their children to school, and attending their places of worship. The goal of this Motion is to see what protections for our residents and resources we already have in place, and what is needed.

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Victoria Parks
President Pro Tempore

#### Accessibility Motion

As part of this Council's efforts to increase accessibility and equity in Cincinnati, a review was conducted by the administration on how to increase the accessibility of public events for those with disabilities. After a review of requirements from the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors (CABA) and the Office of Aging and Accessibility were asked for recommendations on how to improve public events. They made a variety of suggestions outlined in an October 30th, 2024 report from the City Manager. Our public events should be truly open to the public, and that means making them accessible to all who wish to enjoy our great city.

**WE MOVE** that the administration enact the following requirements to increase visibility and accessibility of wheelchair-accessible restrooms at public events

- Event producers should provide written information within the event brochure regarding
  the accommodations available to individuals with disabilities at the event, which includes
  location of accessible toilets and the procedures for contacting professional staff if
  questions or problems arise pertaining to accessibility for person with disabilities
- Place signage at each privy area that directs individuals to the accessible portable toilets
- Within the permit application, the office of special events should provide event producers with a link to Chapter 6 of Access-Board.gov which provides up-to-date guidance on ADA accessibility standards related to portable toilets
- The city should require event producers to designate and provide contact information for an individual to address accessibility complaints during an event. This information can be captured during the application permit process
- The city should implement a system for event attendees to report issues regarding
  inaccessibility through 311. Event organizers would receive notification regarding lack of
  access, providing the opportunity to address barriers and ensure that accessibility is
  maintained throughout the event

The Office of Aging and Accessibility should offer a "resource guide" that shares best
practice and lists vendors that provide ADA-compliant portable toilets and other
accessible event features, making it easier for event planners to comply with
accessibility requirements and best practices

Councilmember Victoria Parks

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Councilmember

January 10, 2025

#### MOTION

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Councilmember Anna Albi		

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# City of Cincinnati



January 27, 2025

## Motion to Ensure Equity in the Disbursement of Proceeds from the Sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway (CSR)

WE MOVE that the City of Cincinnatinake the following actions to ensure equity in the disbursement of the proceeds of the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway so that our underserved neighborhoods benefit from the proceeds from the sale in terms of both existing infrastructure and new economic development opportunities:

- The City shall analyze the demographics of the beneficiaries most directly affected by each proposed project and identify those projects that can deliver the most benefit to historically underserved minority and low-income communities.
- 2. The City shall create a dashboard on the City's website to create transparency with the spending of the proceeds from the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, and that dashboard shall track each project, including but not limited to providing information on neighborhood, demographics served, and amount invested.
- 3. The City shall create <u>two funds</u> to ensure that our 15 most underserved neighborhoods benefit from the proceeds of the sale of the CSR as follows:
  - a. Demographic and socioeconomic data information for Cincinnati's neighborhoods was used to create the "Rising 15": the 15 neighborhoods most in need of economic benefits, as shown by Exhibit A attached hereto.
  - b. **FUND 1 (the "Rising 15 Railroad Fund"):** In addition to inclusion in the infrastructure plans across all neighborhoods, the City will allocate at least 10% of the annual return on investment on the proceeds from the sale of the CSR to the Rising 15 Railroad Fund. The population of the Rising 15 neighborhoods comprises approximately 20% of the City's population. The 10% minimum is based on the fact that some of the infrastructure projects, such as renovation of healthcare centers, directly affect residents of the Rising 15 neighborhoods although the residents do not live in those neighborhoods.
    - Community Advisory Committee: The City Manager shall appoint seven (7) community members to a community advisory committee.
      - The City Manager shall create, recommend and manage a transparent public processes.

- b) The appointed community advisory committee's purpose is to review efforts across the country to repair the damage done by slavery and race discrimination and use that research and study to improve efforts to close the wealth gap in Cincinnati.
- c) This community advisory committee shall assist the newly created Office of Equity in its efforts to close the racial wealth gap.
- 2) City Manager shall develop a process to ensure equity in the distribution of funds and equitable representation of the Community Advisory Committee.
- 3) Expenditures must be restricted to projects that meet the statutory criteria for the use of proceeds from the sale of the CSR.
- 4) City Council will vote on the Community Advisory Committee's recommendations.
- c. Second Fund ("Rising 15 Economic Development Fund") to create economic development opportunities in our underserved neighborhoods:
  - 1) The source of funding for the Rising 15 Economic Development Fund shall be an initial allocation of \$15 million from sources to be determined by the City administration such as the FY '23 carryover funds, and/or the City's FY '24 General Capital Budget, and an annual allocation of up to \$3 million from the City's General Capital Budget.
  - 2) The Community Advisory Committee will make recommendations to City Council on economic development projects for the Rising 15 neighborhoods.
  - City Council will vote on the Community Advisory Committee's recommendations.
- 4. **Economic Inclusion:** City Council adopted an equitable development model in February 2023 as a pilot for the Convention Center. This model shall apply to projects funded through the sale of the railroad, including:
  - a. A minimum inclusion of 20% MBE and 10% WBE businesses annually in projects funded with the railway sale dollars.
  - b. Joint ventures with developers that include minority-owned or women-owned developers shall be encouraged to meet the diversity & inclusion goals.
  - c. The City administration shall create a plan for access to capital for minority-owned and women-owned businesses.
  - d. The City shall proactively work to assist minority-owned and women-owned businesses to overcome the barrier of first-time bonding.

5.	Annual Report: The City will provide an annual report to City Council on the result			
	the expenditures in the Rising 15 neighborhoods			
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	vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney Councilmember Scotte Johnson President Pro Tem Victoria Parks			

# **EXHIBIT A: The "Rising 15" Neighborhoods**

		Black or African American alone or in combination with one or	Median household
Neighborhood	TOTAL POPULATION	more other races	income (dollars)
Villages at Roll Hill	1,918	1,720	\$ 11,327
Millvale	1,965	1,802	\$ 12,272
English Woods	361	323	\$ 14,309
Lower Price Hill	1,070	556	\$ 15,987
Queensgate	1,070	556	\$ 15,987
Winton Hills	5,684	4,879	\$ 17,949
South Fairmount	2,181	1,347	\$ 19,343
West End	6,824	5,613	\$ 19,499
East Westwood	2,458	2,046	\$ 20,929
Avondale	11,345	9,662	\$ 24,250
Roselawn	7,039	6,038	\$ 24,575
Mt. Airy	9,210	5,978	\$ 27,920
East Price Hill	15,241	6,013	\$ 30,112
South Cumminsville	702	622	\$ 31,288
North Fairmount	1,590	1,236	\$ 33,882

#### **STATEMENT**

President *Pro Tem* Victoria Parks, Councilmember Scotty Johnson, and Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney filed the "Rising 15" Motion on October 16, 2023 to create a policy to ensure equitable distribution of the proceeds from the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway. The Motion was sunset before City Council was able to discuss and consider it. While the "Rising 15" (communities that have seen less investment than other communities and whose residents have the lowest income levels) is sometimes referenced in making policy decisions, it is necessary to formalize this policy through approval by City Council.

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