



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Agenda - Final

### Healthy Neighborhoods

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

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Tuesday, August 5, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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#### PRESENTATIONS

#### SPEAKERS

#### CINCINNATI HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Grant Mussman, Health Commissioner

#### PRO SENIORS

Eric Carpenter, Program Director, Long-Term Care Ombudsman

#### SERVING OLDER ADULTS THROUGH CHANGING TIMES (SO-ACT)

Sandra Jones Mitchell, Founder & Executive Director

#### AGENDA

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. [202501551](#) **COMMUNICATION**, regarding Pro Seniors, advocating for the dignity, rights independence & quality of life of older adults in Ohio since 1975.  
*Sponsors:* Kearney  
*Attachments:* [Communication](#)
2. [202501553](#) **COMMUNICATION**, regarding senior rights in long-term care Ombudsman Pro. Seniors, Inc., can help  
*Sponsors:* Kearney  
*Attachments:* [Communication](#)

#### MOTION

3. [202501574](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the \$250,000 in Capital Account No. 758X164X251630 (previously in the “Support for Local Businesses” bucket from the carryover) is reallocated to the Grow Avondale Businesses initiative, a public-private partnership. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

**Sponsors:** Kearney

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

### ORDINANCE

4. [202501248](#) **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Gholson Avenue at Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Patricia Milton Way” in honor of Patricia Milton and in recognition of her countless hours of diligent volunteer service in the Avondale neighborhood and in the City of Cincinnati including her efforts to secure a HUD Choice Neighborhood grant which provided 29.5 million dollars in investments to the Reading Road corridor in Avondale.

**Sponsors:** Kearney

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

### ADJOURNMENT



Advocating for the dignity, rights, independence &  
quality of life of older adults in Ohio since 1975



We help Ohioans age 60 or older resolve legal &  
long-term care problems, & fight Medicare fraud.

*We are a non-profit organization so there is no charge for our services.*

**Pro Seniors, Inc.**  
7162 Reading Road, Suite 1150, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237  
[www.proseniors.org](http://www.proseniors.org)

## Ask us to help solve problems about **long-term care.**

Do you know how to choose a nursing home? Do you understand your rights, or how to advocate for yourself in a nursing home? Do you have a question or complaint about a specific provider? Our Ombudsman advocates routinely visit care communities in Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, and Warren counties. We advise residents as they make decisions, and also to help them resolve concerns about their care. Call us for assistance or to learn about volunteering.



## Ask us how you can avoid **Medicare fraud.**

Our Senior Medicare Patrol team helps Ohioans prevent, detect and report Medicare fraud, errors, abuse and scams. Our team will share best practices to protect your personal information and avoid medical identity theft. Call to schedule a presentation, report suspected fraud, or learn about volunteering.



## Ask us about **legal questions.**

When you call for yourself or a senior needing legal advice, we will schedule a phone conference with one of our Legal Helpline attorneys. Our Helpline attorneys assist with a wide range of civil legal questions, including Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, Veterans benefits, housing, food assistance, consumer debt problems, and financial exploitation of seniors. Call to schedule your free appointment with a Pro Seniors' Helpline attorney.



## **We're here to help.**

### **LEGAL HELPLINE ASSISTANCE**

513-345-4160 / 800-488-6070

### **OMBUDSMAN LONG-TERM CARE ADVOCACY & ASSISTANCE**

513-458-5518 / 800-488-6070

### **SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE**

513-458-5523 / 800-488-6070

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Pro Seniors is committed to helping seniors access the information and resources they need.

We offer a collection of fact sheets, legal forms, and directories on our website to help.

[www.proseniors.org](http://www.proseniors.org)



# YOUR RIGHTS

When you live in a nursing home or an assisted living, you keep all your rights, and you have additional rights to:

- Have information
- Make decisions
- Have privacy & have visitors
- Be free from discrimination and restraints

Stay in the home or, if you wish, receive services in another setting that meets your needs

## A Long-Term Care Ombudsman helps you:

- Understand and exercise your rights
- Talk to the right person to have your wishes and rights respected
- Work with the provider to give you the best care and services
- Find solutions for problems you may have with your care or quality of life

This pamphlet has been developed with Ohio's Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Ohio Department of Aging  
[www.ombudsman.ohio.gov](http://www.ombudsman.ohio.gov)



Contact Your Local  
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**Long-Term Care  
Ombudsman**

Advocates for Excellence in Your Care

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## Nursing Home & Assisted Living



*Your Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
Can Help*

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Fax: (513) 621.5613 / TDD: (513) 345.4160

[www.proseniors.org](http://www.proseniors.org)



## YOU KEEP YOUR RIGHTS

Now that you live in a nursing home or assisted living, you have the same rights you've always had and a few more.

### **This Is YOUR Home**

You have the right to make yourself at home — to have visitors, to have your own belongings, to pursue your own interests. You also have the right to leave, and the right to stay.

### **This is YOUR Health**

You have the right to know what your health condition is, to decide how you will be cared for and to receive all the care in your plan of care.

### **This is YOUR Life**

You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect at all times. You have the right to decide how you want to spend your day, when to get up and go to bed, and what you want to do during the day.

## YOU HAVE THE RIGHT

### **To Know:**

- What services are available at what cost
- How to apply for Medicaid
- Your medical condition, treatment plan, and alternatives

### **To Choose:**

- Your doctor and other health care providers, including hospice
- Your care and treatment
- Your daily routine
- How to spend your money
- To visit with family and friends
- To participate in activities both inside and outside of the home

### **To Privacy**

- In communication – mail, phone, visits
- While receiving personal care and medical treatment
- For your personal and medical records

### **To Be Free From:**

- Abuse & Neglect
- Discrimination
- Restraints used against your will

### **To Voice Complaints To:**

- Your family and friends
- Your resident council
- Provider staff
- Your Ombudsman
- Ohio Department of Health

### **If you are asked to move, you have the right to:**

- Receive written notice, 30 days in advance, to you and your representative, before discharge, except in an emergency
- Appeal the discharge within 10 days of receiving notice
- Assistance in arranging where you will go to live if you decide to leave

### **The provider must:**

- Tell you in writing the reason for our discharge
- Inform you how to appeal
- Inform you that you do not have to leave until your appeal has been heard
- Arrange an alternative care setting that meets your needs



Your rights are posted in the home where you live, and you must be given a copy during admission.

For a copy of your rights, ask the staff where you live or your Long-Term Care Ombudsman.



**Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney**  
*Vice Mayor*

August 4, 2025

## MOTION

**WE MOVE** that the \$250,000 in Capital Account No. 758X164X251630 (previously in the "Support for Local Businesses" bucket from the carryover) is reallocated to the Grow Avondale Businesses initiative, a public-private partnership.

LISC and the Urban League of Southwestern Ohio will deliver a bundled approach to strengthen Avondale's small business ecosystem by supporting both existing businesses and prospective tenants of the Avondale Town Center. Through a combination of direct investment, startup preparation, and embedded technical assistance, LISC and ULGSO will promote local ownership, commercial vibrancy, and long-term sustainability with the following three interrelated programs:

- Business Expansion and Growth
- New Business Readiness Accelerator
- Wraparound Technical Assistance

In addition to City funds, the private sector has expressed a commitment to lending financial support to this initiative.

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

Councilmember Scotty Johnson

## **STATEMENT**

After a series of discussions and meetings with City leaders and businesses in the Avondale Town Center, the Avondale Development Corporation convened a meeting with the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, LISC, and City leaders to discuss a plan to help the Avondale Town Center current and future businesses to survive, grow, and thrive. LISC and the Urban League interviewed the owners of each of the Avondale Town Center's existing businesses to ascertain their needs. LISC then devised the following 3-pronged approach:

### **1. Business Expansion & Growth Grants**

**Objective:** Help stabilize and grow existing Avondale businesses

- Grant awards to existing businesses ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000
- Uses: storefront improvements, equipment purchases, technology upgrades, or operations support
- Target: Existing businesses in the Avondale neighborhood, prioritizing the Avondale Town Center and locally owned businesses
- Wraparound services: application coaching and grant reporting support

### **2. New Business Readiness Accelerator**

**Objective:** Prepare entrepreneurs to launch successful new businesses in the Avondale Town Center

- 6-week cohort-based accelerator
- Curriculum: startup planning, business licensing, financial forecasting, and customer acquisition
- Culminating business pitch event with seed funding awards (\$2,500–\$7,500)  
Target: Entrepreneurs planning to lease space at the Town Center or other nearby commercial properties
- Optional post-program incubation support

### **3. Wraparound Technical Assistance for New Tenants**

**Objective:** Ensure that businesses with new leases have the tools and guidance to succeed

- Business readiness assessments conducted at lease signing
- One-on-one business advising for 3–6 months
- Connection to workforce resources, access to capital, and marketing support
- Delivered in partnership with ULGSO Small Business Advisors and local partners (*e.g.*, SCORE, CDFIs)

### **Program Administration & Evaluation by LISC:**

LISC will track and report the following metrics to the City of Cincinnati and private sector partners:

- Number of businesses funded
- Business openings, expansions, or capital improvements completed
- Jobs created or retained
- Client satisfaction and impact surveys



202501248  
**Date:** June 11, 2025

**To:** Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney  
**From:** Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*  
**Subject:** **Ordinance - Honorary Street Renaming - Patricia Milton Way - Avondale**

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Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

**DECLARING** that Gholson Avenue at Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Patricia Milton Way" in honor of Patricia Milton and in recognition of her countless hours of diligent volunteer service in the Avondale neighborhood and in the City of Cincinnati including her efforts to secure a HUD Choice Neighborhood grant which provided 29.5 million dollars in investments to the Reading Road corridor in Avondale.

EESW/JRS(dbr)  
Attachment  
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**EMERGENCY**

**City of Cincinnati**

JRS

EESW

**An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_**

- 2025

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WHEREAS, Patricia Milton is the daughter of the late Vivian and Rev. James E. Milton, who served as Pastor of Southern Baptist Church for 26 years in the Avondale neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton graduated from the University of Cincinnati, DAAP with a Bachelor of Science degree in Design and works as an Interior Decorator specializing in Residential Re-Design; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton's volunteer duties include representation at meetings with residents, business leaders, and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Under Patricia Milton's leadership the Avondale Community Council joined in partnership with neighboring institutions looking beyond brick & mortar projects to focus on the systemic changes needed to improve resident's lives; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton worked with a wide variety of stakeholders to develop, implement, and secure the initial funding for the Avondale Development Corporation, the development arm of the community; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton's work extends beyond the Avondale community including serving on the board for the Center for Closing the Health Gap; working as the Project Manager from vision to implementation of the Dr. Jenny Laster Community Engagement Academy; training over 450 residents to advocate for their community interests; and working with visionary Mayor Dwight Tillery as the Project Manager for the creation of "The Black Agenda Cincinnati," a group of organizations who work cooperatively to improve the lives of Black Cincinnatians; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton affirms "That every Glory be given to God," she credits her faith, the loyalty and support of the Avondale Community Council Board members, residents, volunteers, partners, supporters, and the prayers of many with her continued success; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Milton has made a lasting impact to the Avondale community and to the City of Cincinnati's citizens, and her contributions will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Gholson Avenue at Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Patricia Milton Way” in honor of Patricia Milton and her tireless volunteer work to improve the neighborhood of Avondale and the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Gholson Avenue at Reading Road in the Avondale neighborhood as “Patricia Milton Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to Patricia Milton and her family via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

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