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MOTION

WE MOVE that City Council allocate to the Center for Closing the Health Gap \$250,000 from the FY'25 Carryover Budget to support its impactful programming to empower residents in improving their health, and support the important work of tackling health disparities. Research shows that in Cincinnati, zip code determines lifespan (see Attachment). The prevalence of cardiovascular disease and diabetes, and the increase of Type 2 diabetes in adults and children driven by lifestyle factors are central to the Center for Closing the Health Gap's work.

In addition to the Annual Health Expo that has attendance of more than 14,000 people and provides thousands of lifesaving health screenings each year, the Center for Closing the Health Gap reaches 89,000 individuals annually through a series of town hall meetings and informational and training workshops, as well as social media, partnerships, and ongoing health-related initiatives. The Center's city-wide Do Right Campaign empowers individuals to eat, move, and live in a way that creates healthy lifestyles. Do Right Kids school-based intervention is offered with physical education instruction for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the Roll Hill Academy. The Center for Closing the Health Gap also partners with the national Peer Health Exchange to implement social and emotional wellness as part of 9-11th grade health classes in Cincinnati Public Schools.

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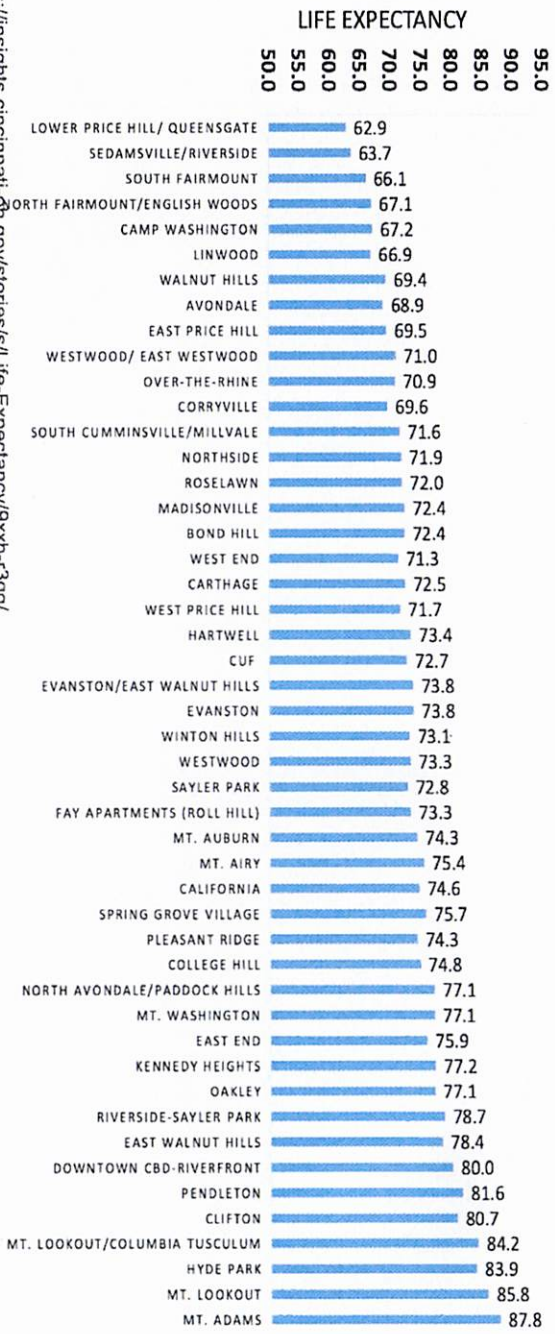
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ATTACHMENT

Research shows that in Cincinnati, zip codes determine lifespan. The Center for Closing the Health Gap tackles health disparities by addressing the systemic social causes, advocating for change, and empowering individuals to make personal changes that result in healthier lifestyles.

Life expectancy in Cincinnati, by neighborhood: Lower Price Hill to Mt. Adams: 3.3 miles, 22+ yr difference



<https://insights.cincinnati-oh.gov/stories/s/Life-Expectancy/9xxt-r3qg/>