

City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2020

ESTABLISHING a City of Cincinnati Children and Families Cabinet, whose purpose is to advise the Mayor and Council about policy initiatives and to measure and monitor data on the improvement of safety, housing, health, cultural and societal exposure, and career opportunities for children and families in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, nearly forty-three percent of Cincinnati children live in poverty, and far too many of our families are suffering from the effects of poverty; and

WHEREAS, local governments have taken significant steps to better support children and families through strategic partnerships, investments, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, many City of Cincinnati government departments directly affect the lives of children and families, including the provision of safe drinking water from Greater Cincinnati Water Works, the assurance of safe housing from the Department of Buildings and Inspections, and enriching social interactions provided and encouraged through the Department of Recreation and Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, the City is fortunate to have knowledgeable and talented non-government partners who make huge impacts on the lives of children and families, from experts at medical institutions and social service organizations to philanthropic foundations; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a City of Cincinnati Children and Families Cabinet will assist the Mayor and City Council in their review of policies and programs that will make an empirical positive change in the lives of children and families; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council hereby establish the City of Cincinnati Children and Families Cabinet (“Cabinet”), as further described herein, whose purpose is to advise the Mayor and Council about policy initiatives and to measure and monitor data on the improvement of safety, housing, health, cultural and societal exposure, and career opportunities for children and families. The Cabinet will also strive to improve communication between the City government and community stakeholders so that services to children and families are improved. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to City Council approval. The Cabinet shall

consist of eleven voting members, the Chair and ten individuals who are community stakeholders from a diverse and relevant range of sectors such as health, education, housing, recreation, child poverty, and child development, among others at the discretion of the Mayor. The ten external members shall be chosen from the following: two representatives from the nonprofit sector; two representatives from philanthropic organizations; one parent representative; one youth representative; one representative of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority; one representative from the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority; one representative from the Regional Chamber of Commerce; and one representative from the African American Chamber of Commerce. The Cabinet shall be chaired by the Chair of the Major Projects and Smart Government Committee (or its successor committee), and the Chair may also appoint a Vice Chair. Additional community stakeholders are encouraged to attend. The City Manager or her designee is authorized to send a City Department head or departmental representative with appropriate subject matter expertise to Cabinet meetings from time to time as requested by the Cabinet.

Section 2. That the City of Cincinnati Children and Families Cabinet shall convene no later than 120 days after the effective date of this ordinance and is encouraged to report back to the Mayor and City Council within six months to present its recommendations. A report recommending policy and budget priorities and implementation and monitoring proposals should be presented to Council at least annually during the Cabinet's existence. The Cabinet shall have the authority to adopt rules and procedures governing its conduct and meetings, provided that the rules and procedures so adopted may not conflict with state law or the municipal code. The rules and procedures shall be reviewed by the board in conjunction with the City Solicitor's Office from time to time. Voting members shall serve three-year staggered terms.

Section 3. That a new Assistant to the City Manager position shall be created to coordinate and administer the work of the Cabinet, including organizing the meetings for both the community and City employee attendees, and measuring, maintaining, and presenting data on behalf of the Cabinet.

Section 4. That the Mayor and City Council hereby request the City Administration to include the new Assistant to the City Manager position in the FY 2022 Recommended Biennial Budget.

Section 5. That any meetings of the Cabinet shall be subject to the Ohio Open Meetings Act (R.C. 121.22 et seq.) and Ohio Open Records Law (R.C. 149.43 et seq.).

Section 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

Passed: _____, 2020

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk