

City of Cincinnati

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Patrick A. Duhaney, Acting City Manager
Subject: **REPORT – FC CINCINNATI COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT**

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The City Council at its session on 02/05/2018 referred the following item for report:

MOTION, we move that any ordinance providing development incentives; infrastructure funding; a zone change; or any other city support for a stadium for FC Cincinnati include an enforceable community benefits agreement (CBA) representing the result of thorough, good faith engagement and negotiations with community members from the neighborhood in which the stadium will be built and from nearby neighborhoods also impacted.

Summary:

FC Cincinnati, the Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority, and the West End Community Council entered into a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) on April 14, 2018. This Community Benefits Agreement, formalizes the process for coordinating efforts between FC Cincinnati and other parties including the West End Community Council to facilitate an improved quality of life in the West End throughout the construction of FC Cincinnati's soccer-specific stadium and high school athletics stadium. It also provides for improved community-team partnerships during FC Cincinnati's operation of an MLS team at the future stadium. Per Council's request, the Department of Community and Economic Development included this CBA as Exhibit F to the Funding and Development Agreement with FC Cincinnati, which was signed on May 24, 2018.

Next Steps:

The Department of Community and Economic Development will continue to engage with the West End Community Council and other community stakeholders through the remainder of the development process.

This memo is for informational purposes. No action is required.

Copy: Philip M. Denning, Director, Department of Community and Economic Development