



# Community Councils Expectations and Issues

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# Invest in Neighborhoods:

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Provides programs, resources, training, and technical assistance to the Community Councils

Advocate for and represent the Community Councils

Work with City Council and City Administration on issues impacting the Community Councils and the neighborhoods

# Community Councils Are:

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The **official** neighborhood liaisons to the City and the official representatives of the **voice** of the residents

Small non-profits who undertake programs and projects that **enhance the quality of life** in each neighborhood

*NSP created in recognition that **local leadership knows the needs of the neighborhoods better than centralized government***

# Community Councils Are:

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Critical part of the **civic ecosystem**

Key **conduit** between City Council, Cincinnati Administration and residents

Important source of **information and expertise** for our neighborhoods and community members

**Collaborators and partners** with other community organizations and neighborhoods creating a network that benefits the entire city

# Top Neighborhood Issues:

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**Equitable** access to resources and opportunities

**Development** without regard to the needs and character of a neighborhood

Affordable housing\* and the impact of gentrification  
/ **income segregation**

*\*total housing costs  $\leq$  30% of income*

Pedestrian **safety**

**Crime** reduction and youth violence

**Quality of life**

# Top Community Council Issues:

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Lack of adequate **information** around issues affecting the neighborhoods and residents

Timely and appropriate **notification** on development, zoning, and other projects

City failure to include neighborhood and **residents' concerns** on key issues

**Inadequate funding** from the City via NSP to assist grass roots efforts

# Expectations and hopes:

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**Rebuild trust** through transparency and accountability

**Engage:** early, often, dialogue, feedback

**Be knowledgeable** about each neighborhood and their issues

# Expectations and hopes:

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Understand the role and work of Community Councils, their **value** and relationship to the City

**Re-establish** an administrative focus on neighborhoods

**Ensure stability** via increased budget allocations and helping to identify financing from other sources for neighborhood projects



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Thank you