

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Rachel Hastings and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for her working in and with the community to bring much needed investment and energy to all of Cincinnati, and particularly to the Price Hill neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, Rachel Hastings attended Miami University and received her Bachelor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies, and continued her education with a Master's degree in Community Planning from the University of Cincinnati, with a concentration in economic development and a certificate in historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hastings worked for 22 years with The Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington where she held positions as a Neighborhood Development Specialist and as the Director of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, in Ms. Hastings' roles with The Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington, she provided strategic oversight of community development initiatives, coordinated community events, and assisted residents in visioning and building the community they desired; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Ms. Hastings became the Executive Director of Price Hill Will, where she has managed the annual budget, supported the most amazing and dedicated nonprofit staff in Cincinnati, raised more than \$30 million for real estate development, brought historic buildings back into use, revitalized the neighborhood, fostered a broader sense of community, increased engagement opportunities, helped make Price Hill Will the only combined community development corporation and arts organization in the City, and has served the people of Price Hill; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hastings volunteers as a member of the HomeBase Cincinnati Board of Directors, as well as sitting on the Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United Board of Directors, organizations that are working to bring community-led development across the City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hastings did not grow up in Cincinnati, but rather chose to live in the City after falling in love with this beautiful, inspiring place, and chose to raise her two children in Cincinnati, alongside her husband, David; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Hastings has dedicated her work to improving the lives of residents by building their skills to improve their neighborhoods, and she has shown that with hard work, dedication, and a commitment to working with the community, you can bring about lasting positive change; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Rachel Hastings for her dedication to working in and with the community to bring much-needed investment and energy to all of Cincinnati, and particularly to the Price Hill neighborhoods.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Rachel Hastings through the office of Councilmember Reggie Harris.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris