**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of \$4,000 from the University of Cincinnati to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222313, "Neighborhood Gateways/Greenways Imprvmnt," for the purpose of providing resources for the design, fabrication, and installation of four new identification signs connecting the Ohio Avenue Steps to the Paw Paw Alley Steps between Ohio Avenue, Van Lear Alley, and Vine Street.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Avenue and Paw Paw Alley Steps are crucial pedestrian paths that connect the CUF and Over-the-Rhine neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the proposed stairway signage will create visible public intersections that help pedestrians easily traverse the hillsides between the City's basin and hillside neighborhoods, functioning similarly to a street sign; and

WHEREAS, the four new signs will expand on a mural recently designed and painted on these steps, as well as eight other staircases identified with similar signage; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds or new FTEs are required for acceptance of this donation; and

WHEREAS, installation of stairway signage supports connectivity for pedestrians through enhancement of public stairway systems and is in accordance with the "Connect" goal to "[d]evelop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability" as well as the strategies to "[e]xpand options for non-automotive travel" and to "[p]lan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system," as described on pages 127-138 of *Plan Cincinnati* (2012); now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate a donation of \$4,000 from the University of Cincinnati to existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x232x222313, "Neighborhood Gateways/Greenways Imprvmnt," for the purpose of providing resources for the design, fabrication, and installation of four new identification signs

connecting the Ohio Avenue Steps to the Paw Paw Alley Steps between Ohio Avenue, Van Lear Alley, and Vine Street.

Section 2. That the proper City officials are authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms of Section 1 herein.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept funding for the signage, which must be fabricated and installed by the end of calendar year 2022 to meet the University of Cincinnati's donation deadline.

Passed:	, 2022	
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