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MOTION

The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) recently reported that its complement of uniformed officers stands below 1,000 for the first time in decade as a result of retirements and attrition. This reduction in force comes at a time when Cincinnati neighborhoods have been faced with a record number of murders, as well as an increase in property and quality of life offenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the community continues to seek thoughtful engagement between the Cincinnati Police Department and mental health and addiction service providers to, when appropriate, divert potential criminal defendants into treatment. Accordingly, **WE MOVE** that a portion of Cincinnati's American Rescue Plan appropriation be committed to: 1) immediately fund a new CPD recruit class in 2021 to better facilitate community policing and criminal investigations; 2) fund additional training and police personnel for CPD's Mental Health Response Team (MHRT); 3) fund training to better integrate the MHRT with existing mental health and substance abuse providers and to create a mechanism to track those citizens who are referred to such providers; 4) to fund the local chapter of the Saving Our Kings and Queens youth intervention program headed by Mitch Morris; 5) to fund Rev. Peterson Mingo's Southern Christian Leadership Program's Rites of Passage initiative, which includes a summer camp, anti-gang and anti-drug education and numerous youth sports programs in Evanston; and 6) to once again fully fund Hope Dudley's UCanSpeakForMe homicide victim's family assistance program.



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