



**Victoria Parks**  
*President Pro Tempore*

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## Councilmember Victoria Parks Budget Priorities for FY25 Recommended Budget

### **Public Safety**

- **Youth and young adult shelter and homelessness prevention** to keep people off the streets and support people in need.
  - Thousands of Cincinnati children are currently experiencing homelessness. Providing support for them now is a wise investment to put them on the right track.

### **Thriving Neighborhoods**

- **Youth arts programs** to foster growth and set children up for success.
  - Arts programs, particularly those aimed at youth, have been shown to improve the lives of countless people. These programs also provide a valuable and productive “third space” for children when they are not at home or at school.

### **Growing Economic Opportunity**

- **Jobs training programs** aimed at giving all people access to economic self-sufficiency.
- **Youth job opportunities**, particularly ones which will give young people a powerful cultural experience

### **Fiscal Sustainability**

- **Increased focus on grants for the city.** Money spent on grant writing provides a tremendous ROI for the city, and a larger investment in grant writing will pay off tenfold.

### **Excellent and Equitable Service Delivery**

- **Keeping seniors in their homes** through programs aimed at supporting low income seniors.