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Councilmember Anna Albi Budget Policy Motion for FY27 Budget

Cincinnati stands at a pivotal moment of opportunity and growth. As revitalization continues across our city, we are seeing momentum in our neighborhoods and business districts as well as national recognition for our parks, arts and cultural institutions. This moment presents a responsibility to care holistically for our communities and to ensure all residents thrive. Taking an equitable, data-informed, and human-centric approach to the budget allows us to focus on the fundamentals while shaping the kind of city Cincinnati will be for future generations.

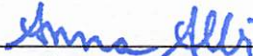
At the same time we are developing this budget, the City faces deep uncertainty and strong headwinds. We are being asked to do more with limited resources, while facing budget constraints, increased state and federal preemption, and broader economic and geopolitical fallout that continues to impact the cost of living for our communities. These challenges require us to be strategic in how we allocate resources, prioritize investments, and partner with organizations to deliver services effectively and efficiently. Our budget must reflect not only our ambitions for growth, but also our responsibility to care for the people who call Cincinnati home.

Operating:

- Increase funding for the ACT for Cincy violence reduction portfolio and action teams, including supporting community partners and initiatives aligned to the action teams.
- Maintain funding for the Police Department's Victim Assistance Liaison Unit and the Emergency Communication Center's Alternative Response to Crisis (ARC) and Community Responders teams.
- Maintain funding for the Boots on the Ground and Safe and Clean grant programs.
- Increase funding for the award-winning Rec @ Nite program to expand to two additional locations; and establish a pilot to provide Rec @ Nite programming as an onsite afterschool offering in collaboration with Cincinnati Public Schools.
- Maintain funding for Community Councils and Community Budget Requests (CBRs).
- Maintain funding for Career Pathways and Youth to Work (Y2W) and continue support for external workforce development programs.
- Establish an emergency immigration relief fund.
- Prioritize funding for community organizations providing emergency food access, homelessness prevention, youth support and gun violence prevention.

Capital:

- Maintain funding for the Affordable Housing Leveraged Fund through the Cincinnati Development Fund with emphasis on development projects aimed at 60 AMI and below.
- Streamline and simplify the process for community-led, catalytic developments to receive City funding.
- Increase the proportion of Cincy on Track funding directed towards road repair and repaving.
- Extend the residential sidewalk repair program to a new eligible neighborhood(s) and prioritize repairing City-owned sidewalks.
- Fund arts and cultural institutions, including exploring re-establishing an arts capital fund and fulfilling the City's commitments to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Findlay Market, and City-owned cultural assets.
- Fund the installation of additional lights and cameras inside City-owned parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas.
- Maintain funding for pedestrian safety and traffic calming improvements.
- Deploy existing capital funding for minority-owned businesses through Represent Cincy.



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