AUTHORIZING the City Manager and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the City of Cincinnati's 2023 Business Enterprise Expo; and AUTHORIZING the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into Special Events Fund 314.

WHEREAS, the 2023 Business Enterprise Expo will be hosted by the City of Cincinnati's Department of Economic Inclusion ("DEI") on September 29, 2023 at the Duke Energy Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Business Enterprise Expo will allow DEI-certified businesses (subcontractors) to meet larger businesses (prime contractors) within the City, promote peer-to-peer networking, and strengthen the relationship between DEI and the City's business community; and

WHEREAS, DEI will certify new businesses at the 2023 Business Enterprise Expo; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 inaugural Expo had over 300 attendees and 70 business participants, which increased certification activities during the months of August, September, and October; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Business Enterprise Expo is in accordance with the "Compete" goal to "[f]oster a climate conducive to growth, investment, stability, and opportunity" and the strategy to "[b]uild a streamlined and cohesive development process" as described on pages 103-113 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 and employees of the Department of Economic Inclusion are hereby authorized to solicit and accept donations of money, in-kind contributions, participation fees, and other things of value from the business community, individual benefactors, and other appropriate sources for the City of Cincinnati's 2023 Business Enterprise Expo.

Section 2. That the Finance Director is hereby authorized to deposit the funds donated to the City of Cincinnati into Special Events Fund 314.

Section 3. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary
and proper to comply with the terms of Section 1 and 2 hereof.
Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest
period allowed by law.

Passed:		, 2023	
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