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From: Clare Fazackerley
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Cranley, Mayor; ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] East Court Street

External Email Communication

Mayor Cranley and Members of Cincinnati City Council:

I just learned of the plan to radically reduce the street parking on E. Court and want to ask you to develop a revised plan to save small business!

I own a small business in Pleasant Ridge and regularly send clients to Scott Knox's law office on East Court. In addition to the fact that he's an outstanding attorney, I can assure my clients that his downtown office is easily accessible via nearby street parking, and that his reasonable fees don't reflect "downtown"/4th Street billing rates. Many of these clients are older and have mobility issues and/or aren't comfortable driving into congested parts of downtown. They live and work in Cincinnati's neighborhoods. Having to find garage parking and walk several blocks from their cars will definitely require me to find another attorney for them – presumably out in Blue Ash or another suburb.

There are also several very long-term merchants in the block, including a meat market/deli and two small tailor shops. With the horrendous pressure small businesses are under right now with COVID-19, and the level of business failure – this is absolutely the wrong time to reduce accessibility!

In addition, the street parking on Court has enabled me – and friends in the neighborhood – over the years to use the downtown title office and deputy registrar many times rather than driving out to the 'burbs somewhere. It's frankly insane to have to pay garage parking and walk 5-10 blocks for a 15 minute errand.

Thank you on behalf of the small business community that makes Cincinnati a great place to live & work,

Clare J. Fazackerley

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Porter, Kourtney

From: Raymond T Faller
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:01 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail; Cranley, Mayor
Subject: [External Email] Pedestrianization of Court Street
Attachments: 202008251332.pdf

External Email Communication

Mayor Cranley and Members of Council:

Attached to this email is my letter in opposition to this project.

Raymond T. Faller

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The Honorable John Cranley, Mayor
Members of City Council
City of Cincinnati
810 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

RE: Downtown Cincinnati Urban Pedestrian Task Force

Dear Mayor Cranley and All Members of City Council:

It has come to my attention that there will be a vote by Council's Budget Committee on August 31st and by the full council on September 2nd concerning the Task Force's **recommendation to pedestrianize Court Street between Vine and Walnut Streets.**

If my understanding is correct, the south side of Court Street will be closed to vehicle traffic which will, instead, be routed east and west on a reconfigured north side. The south side sidewalk will become enlarged creating a pedestrian way. Parking spaces on the south side will be eliminated. Those on the north side will be reduced in number due to configuration plans.

We are opposed to this proposal. Many of our clients and witnesses scour this area every weekday morning, trying to get to court on time. They are often not familiar with downtown and stress to find street parking in a timely manner.

I'm told that 560 additional parking spaces have become available at the Court and Walnut garage, but I'm also told that a significant number of them are earmarked for tenants in the adjacent building.

Two Divisions (Juvenile and Dependency) of our office are located at 125 East Court Street, between Walnut and Main Streets, across from the County Administration Building. Reduced street parking will make matters more difficult for our clients.

Again, we urge you to vote "NO" on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Raymond T. Faller

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Porter, Kourtney

From: Law Office of Nancy Jacob <JacobLaw@fuse.net>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Cranley, Mayor; ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Court Street Parking

External Email Communication

Dear Mayor Cranley and Council Members:

I would like to express my concern and dismay about the potential of reducing parking spaces on Court Street between Vine and Walnut Streets. This is a high traffic area where individuals, small business owners and attorneys park to do business at the County Administration Building, the Workers' Compensation Office, the Auto Title Bureau and of course our Court House. I am an attorney and often frequent these locations as do my clients. Additionally, as an individual I have patronized many of the small business on Court Street. It would be very difficult to stop in for a quick sandwich or food shopping or court business if there was not on street parking. Parking in a garage is often concerning for many of us, certainly those with mobility issues, those who are concerned about safety or even just those unfamiliar with the area. I believe this will hurt access to valuable city and county offices as well as small business in this location.

I strongly urge you not to remove these parking spaces.

Thank you.

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Porter, Kourtney

From: Stephen Mazzei <smazzei@yrmlaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Cranley, Mayor; ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Court Street Parking

External Email Communication

Dear Mayor Cranley,

I am writing you in opposition of the proposal to eliminate parking along Court Street between Main Street and Vine Street.

Our firm was located in the Kroger Building for 30 years before moving to our current location. The one constant throughout our stay was a consistent shortage of parking for our clients going to the Court House and going to Industrial Commission hearings. On-street parking is key and essential to these citizens as well as for citizens traveling to County offices near the Court House. Many of our clients who attend Industrial Commission hearings have handicaps of some degree making close by, accessible street parking critical to their ability to attend hearings.

I also know that small businesses along Court Street rely upon street parking to accommodate their customers and for deliveries.

While there is a new parking garage in the new Kroger Building, that parking is inconvenient and costly. Also, that garage did not appreciably add to available parking as the number of new spaces, reduced by the spaces from the lot eliminated for the garage, reduced by the spaces dedicated to business and residential tenants of the new building, reduced by the number of spaces being lost by the Court Street renovation, and reserved for those persons shopping at the Kroger store in the building is minimal, if any at all.

More affordable parking, not less, is needed for this location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Mazzei

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David W Ferguson

Cincinnati, OH

August 25, 2020

To the Members of City Council,

I am alarmed to learn that 3CDC is proposing to remove most of the parking on East Court Street. I have great long-term relationships with several small businesses on the first block E of Court Street and am a client of a small law firm as well.

I depend on access to those firms and to remove more than half of the parking would make it more difficult for any senior citizen to walk a longer distance for these services.

There must be a better way to improve the street without damaging the potential for access. Please tell 3DCD to work out a revised and better plan with these small companies.

Sincerely,

David Ferguson

Crawford, Nicole

From: Jim Huth
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:01 PM
To: Cranley, Mayor; ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Parking issues on E. Court

External Email Communication

Dear Mayor & City Council,

I recently have been made aware that 3CDC will present a proposal to the City Council to the City of Cincinnati to remove most parking on a block on E. Court Street.

This is a bad idea. as this proposal will hurt small businesses including a long time neighborhood store, Avril, two small tailor businesses law offices and others. These businesses serve the greater Cincinnati area.

Some of these customers are elderly and have mobility limitations. They rely on storefront shopping. I also personally shop in this area. The main reason I shop there is due to easy access not found in shopping centers.

I understand there may be a better way to improve E Court Street while not removing most of the parking and hurting these small businesses.

Please don't take that parking away.

Thank you,

James E. Huth

Cincinnati, OH

Crawford, Nicole

From: David Meisner <
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Cranley, Mayor; ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Parking issues on E. Court

External Email Communication

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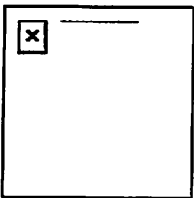
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Please don't take that parking away.

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Thank You,

David P. Meisner



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Crawford, Nicole

From:
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 4:05 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Cc: Cranley, Mayor
Subject: [External Email] Proposed changes to parking along Court Street

External Email Communication

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read my views on some plans to reduce parking and change Court Street. My lawyer, Scott Knox, my alterations tailor, butcher, Avril Meats and more small businesses, stand to lose customers and **we stand to lose convenient and inexpensive parking.**

Some folks, who are elderly or have mobility issues will be harmed and rely on storefront parking. We would all be at risk parking further away and crossing multiple streets to get to these businesses and more. Currently, I can find a meter to use, park by the curb and conduct my business, without paying more than a couple dollars at the meter. That sure would change!! The proposed plan not only moves the curb from 13' to 45' away, but reduces parking so much that convenient parking will be reduced.

The new plan, which is **not convenient at all**, is to go to the end of the block, turn right on Walnut, go a block to turn right on 9th, go another block and turn right on Vine, go two blocks and turn right on Central Parkway, go a block and a half and turn into the parking garage (which may be full- that's also the parking for the Kroger store, 139 condos, the Courthouse, and monthly parkers!), then come out of the parking garage. Many of us fear that people will just find businesses with easier parking and forget about the E. Court Street small, locally owned, businesses, which are still important to Cincinnati.

Additionally, this appears to be a clear effort to push drivers into the dreadful and expensive Kroger Garage.

There's a way to improve E. Court Street while not removing most of the easily accessed parking and hurting small businesses who are already reeling from the effects of Coronavirus, but it will take City Council telling **3CDC** to develop a better plan. What is the hurry? Why do we, the citizens, have to do the will of **3CDC**?

Please reject the current plan that severely guts storefront parking and take the time to develop a revised plan that won't damage long-term small businesses.

Or maybe that is what **3CDC** wants. Sadly, I expect it is. Cheryl

Cheryl Eagleson

Cincinnati, Ohio

Crawford, Nicole

From: Anne Niehaus
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 2:36 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Cc: Anne Niehaus
Subject: [External Email] E. Court Street parking

External Email Communication

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to ask that the current plan for E. Court Street parking changes be rejected.

The parking available on that block makes in-person visits to Attorney Scott Knox viable for me and for clients who I refer to Scott. Reducing the parking spots from 67 to 30 would greatly decrease the reliability of finding parking nearby and would make accessing his office much more difficult.

Please consider ways to improve E. Court Street without removing the best parking for the small businesses on that block. I share Scott's concerns for how this will affect his business and his neighbors.

Sincerely,

Anne Niehaus

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Crawford, Nicole

From: Marie Zureick <
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:17 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] 3CDC plan to gut parking on Court Street

External Email Communication

I appreciate the many improvements made to downtown Cincinnati by 3CDC but I object to the plan afoot to reduce parking on Court Street. This parking supports merchants and service businesses that have been there for years. Most of the time the parking spaces are filled--indicating a true need. I do not think other parking in the area fills the needs of the customers and business owners of Court Street. Plus, we do not actually need more park space downtown--there is plenty of that nearby to support the downtown population.

Marie Zureick, Cincinnati Resident,

Crawford, Nicole

From: Robert Mitchell <robertmitchell@robertmitchell-law.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 4:04 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail; Cranley, Mayor
Subject: [External Email] 3CDC Redevelopment Plan for East Court Street

External Email Communication

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council,

I understand 3CDC will be presenting a redevelopment plan for East Court Street to Council in September, and that proposal includes the elimination of 30 of the existing 67 parking places between Walnut and Vine. I am writing to express my opposition.

Small businesses on East Court, several with long and storied pasts, are dependent upon close and convenient parking for their survival. And in turn, the unique character of the East Court 'business district' is dependent upon those same small businesses.

I understand this because I spent 25 years practicing law from offices located on East Court. I suspect the denizens of City Hall personally understand this as well. Think about how often you, your staff, and other City personnel visit East Court for lunch, for shopping, and for business. While you may or may not be on foot, you have seen how busy East Court is each and every day, and that parking is almost always at a premium. Now imagine the loss of half of that parking. It would strangle East Court and change its very character - for the worse. That is not in the greater interest of the City. Please retain the parking and the essence of East Court.

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Crawford, Nicole

From: Susan Mitchell
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 11:32 AM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Court Street Parking Proposal

External Email Communication

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to you today as a long time customer of the businesses along Court Street in Cincinnati. The proposal to severely limit the storefront parking along the section of Court Street including such businesses as Avril-Bleh Meats and Deli, Frank Stavale, and Scott E. Knox Attorney at Law. What you are proposing will have DRASTIC consequences for these small businesses which have served the community well for many years. Along with severe ramifications for the disabled.

Please, consider helping our long term Cincinnati small businesses along Court Street instead! Do what's right!

Thank you for your time.

Susan Mitchell

Cincinnati, Ohio

Crawford, Nicole

From: priscilla wood
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:25 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Parking on East Court St

External Email Communication

To whom it may concern: It is imperative that the 67 parking places on E. Court be kept as is. We must protect our long-standing small businesses in the area as we re-develop downtown.b

Crawford, Nicole

From: Kate Harrow
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 12:11 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail; mayor@cincinnati-oh.gov
Subject: [External Email] Please do not reduce parking on Court St

External Email Communication

Council and Mayor Cranley,

It's come to my attention that 3CDC would like to reduce the parking on Court St and I want to voice my opposition to this as a voting citizen of the city. I regularly visit Kim Dao and Avril Bleh and already have trouble finding parking. To reduce the parking further would prevent me from frequenting these businesses. Please, please, please - think of the small business owner before 3CDC. I know they are all rich and powerful, but you cannot let them turn Cincinnati into whatever they would like. We need and require small businesses.

Best,
Kate Harrow



Crawford, Nicole

From: Jennifer G. Anstaett <JGAnstaett@woodlamping.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 4:02 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] E. Court Street

External Email Communication

Dear Cincinnati City Council,

In early September, 3CDC will be presenting a proposal to City Council to remove most of the parking from certain blocks on E. Court Street, reducing it from 67 spots to 30 spots. **I believe this is a bad idea.** The proposed changes will hurt small businesses on this block that have been serving customers for decades, including Avril-Bleh Meats and Deli and two small tailor businesses (Frank Stavale and Kim Dao) as well as several law offices. Please ask 3CDC to come up with a better plan.

Thank you,

Jennifer Griffin Anstaett



Problems solved.

Jennifer Griffin Anstaett

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Crawford, Nicole

From: Norma Mason <
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 4:05 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail; Cranley, Mayor
Subject: [External Email] 3CDC proposal to remove/limit parking on E. Court Street

External Email Communication

I am asking you to reject the proposal to remove or seriously limit parking on E. court street. I am/will be directly affected by this limitation. It means a great deal to me to be independent and resourceful... I need to be able to access parking on E. Court and this proposal will make that access nearly impossible. Please consider those of us who, by the elimination of parking spaces, will no longer have that independence.

Crawford, Nicole

From: John Pater
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 4:22 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] E Court Street Parking

External Email Communication

I am writing in strong opposition to the 3CDC plan being presented wto City Council to remove most of the parking from my block on E. Court Street, reducing it from 67 spots to 30 spots.

I believe this is a bad idea.

The proposed changes will hurt small businesses on my block that have been serving customers for decades, including Avril-Bleh Meats and Deli, two small tailor businesses (Frank Stavale and Kim Dao) and Scott Knox Law Firm.

Many customers, many of whom are elderly or have mobility limitations, rely on storefront parking and would be at risk parking further away and crossing multiple streets to get to these businesses. The proposed plan not only moves the curb from 13' to 45' away, but reduces parking so much that they likely will not find a spot on the street.

To get to the nearest parking, they'd have to go to the end of the block, turn right on Walnut, go a block to turn right on

9th

, go another block and turn right on Vine, go two blocks and turn right on Central Parkway, go a block and a half and turn into the parking garage (which may be full- that's also the parking for the Kroger store, 139 condos, the Courthouse, and monthly parkers!), then come out of the parking garage and try to remember how the heck you get to E Court Street from there. That's really inconvenient to pick up some fish at Avirl's or drop off some pants to be hemmed with Frank Stavale? E Court Street businesses will be forgotten Is that what we want for our small businesses that have served Cincinnati for decades?

I'm sure there's a way to improve E. Court Street while not removing most of the easily accessed parking and hurting small businesses who are already reeling from the effects of Coronavirus. I urge you to work with all the small businesses on E Court Street to developing a better plan.

Crawford, Nicole

From: Michael Chanak Jr
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 4:25 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Cc: Cranley, Mayor
Subject: [External Email] Against proposal to reduce street parking on E. Court

External Email Communication

While I don't live in Cincinnati, I am in a nearby suburb. I know the stretch of E Court where a proposal is made to reduce on street parking.

I'm against it, at 70, I find it hard enough to navigate the downtown parking. Let's allow folks to have the ease of street parking near these business locations.

Michael Chanak Jr.

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P&G - CNN - Out of the Shadows 6-18-2019 25 min

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Crawford, Nicole

From: Allen Bernard
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:46 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] East Court Street Renewal

External Email Communication

Council Members:

I am writing in reference to the design of East Court Street and the removal/reduction of parking places. The businesses, Avril-Bleh and the others are businesses that have been there for decades and are dependent upon convenient available parking. They also are patronized by persons who have difficulty walking blocks with parcels and therefore convenient parking becomes a necessary component of their businesses.

With increased parking fees, unclear directions for usage, many small businesses and patrons have been driven away because of parking. The history of past designs of this area including the bunker-fortress brick structure dominating the street median certainly have not contributed to an inviting urban neighborhood. Surely accommodations can be made to retain convenient parking while enhancing the visual impact of this historic area.

I urge you to reject the current removal plan and consider alternative ones that will entice and accommodate renewal of this area.

Allen W. Bernard

Cincinnati, OH

Crawford, Nicole

From: Lynne Lefebvre
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 10:22 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Parking on East Court Street

External Email Communication

I understand that there are plans underway to reduce parking on E. Court Street. As a client who has to visit Scott Knox's office on Court St., I am very much opposed to this change. I am the caregiver for my husband and daughter who both have Huntington's Disease. Simply put, Huntington's is like blending Alzheimers, ALS and Parkinsons into one. Please take a minute to imagine how incredibly difficult it would be to get my family into his office if parking is not available. Scott's services to my family have been critical in helping me maintain their care. Which is not easy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lynne M. Lefebvre

Crawford, Nicole

From: Brent SCARLETT
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:37 AM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Parking on E. Court Street

External Email Communication

Dear City Council and City Planning Commission members:

I am a 40 year resident of and often travel downtown for breakfast, lunch, shopping and to conduct business.

I oppose reducing the parking on East Court Street in front of the law offices of Scott Knox and the other businesses on his block. It is not necessary and it will reduce the ability of elderly and other folks w/ reduced mobility to access the businesses on E. Court Street. I believe reduced parking will negatively impact the businesses on E. Court Street. Please find another alternative to whatever problem you are trying to solve. I do not want the businesses there to fold due to lack of parking.

Thanks and regards.

Brent R Scarlett

Crawford, Nicole

From: ARTSKONNECT
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 10:37 AM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] E. Court St. Parking

External Email Communication

Dear Council members, Please reject the current plan that severely guts storefront parking and develop a revised reject the current plan that severely guts storefront parking and to develop a revised plan that won't damage long-term small businesses on businesses on this street.

M. Kim Mann

Crawford, Nicole

From: Paula M Jackson
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:51 AM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail; Cranley, Mayor
Subject: [External Email] Threat to parking on East Court Street

External Email Communication

Esteemed Mayor and Council Members,

I've just learned from a small business owner who will be adversely affected, that in early September, 3CDC will be presenting a proposal to City Council to remove most of the parking on the 1-99 block of E. Court Street, reducing it from 67 spots to 30 spots. The proposed changes will hurt small businesses on that block that have been serving customers for decades, including the law office of Scott Knox, Avril-Bleh Meats and Deli, and two small tailor businesses (Frank Stavale and Kim Dao) among others.

Scott Knox learned of this plan because he was the *only* E Court Street business on the task force looking into the proposal. Of course, he pointed out the need to consider the damage to the local small businesses and offered other approaches that would avoid this problem. But whenever he brought up the need for storefront parking, the answer was "That's not the direction we're going."

Is the mandate for 3CDC to undermine our local small businesses downtown?

There's a way to improve E. Court Street while not removing most of the easily accessed parking and hurting small businesses who are already reeling from the effects of Coronavirus.

But it will take City Council telling 3CDC to work with the hardworking, tax-paying long term small business residents of our City to develop a better plan.

I plead with you to step in: keep Cincinnati from sweeping away all of our texture and our community anchors in the name of "development" -- let these true community contributors, the small business owners, have the voice and vote they deserve in life-or-death changes around them.

--
(The Rev. Dr.) Paula M. Jackson+

Pronouns: she/her

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Crawford, Nicole

From: Lisa Meeks
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:10 AM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail; Cranley, Mayor
Cc: scott@scottknox.com; John Castaldi
Subject: [External Email] elimination of street parking on E Court Street

External Email Communication

In early September, 3CDC will be presenting a proposal to City Council to remove most of the parking from E. Court Street around Vine, Walnut and Main, reducing it from 67 spots to 30 spots. The proposed changes will hurt small businesses in this area that have been serving customers for decades, including Avril-Bleh Meats and Deli and two small tailor businesses (Frank Stavale and Kim Dao).

This will especially hurt customers, many of whom are elderly or have mobility limitations, who rely on storefront parking and would be at risk parking further away and crossing multiple streets to get to these businesses. To get to the nearest parking, they'd have to go to the end of the block, turn right on Walnut, go a block to turn right on 9th, go another block and turn right on Vine, go two blocks and turn right on Central Parkway, go a block and a half and turn into the parking garage (which may be full- that's also the parking for the Kroger store, 139 condos, the Courthouse, and monthly parkers!), then come out of the parking garage and try to remember how the heck you get to the stores along East Court. Is that what you want contend with to go pick up some fish at Avirl's or drop off some pants to be hemmed with Frank Stavale? Many will just find businesses with easier parking and forget about the E. Court Street businesses.

There's a way to improve E. Court Street while not removing most of the easily accessed parking and hurting small businesses who are already reeling from the effects of Coronavirus, but it will take City Council telling 3CDC to work with the East Court street businesses to develop a better plan.

Please add my voice to those who oppose reducing street parking on East Court street

Lisa T Meeks

Cincinnati, OH
CELL:

Crawford, Nicole

From: Michelle Pembaur
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:34 AM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] E. Court Street Parking Proposal

External Email Communication

Good morning,

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There's a way to improve E. Court Street while not removing most of the easily accessed parking and hurting small businesses who are already reeling from the effects of Coronavirus, but it will take City Council telling 3CDC to work with us to develop a better plan.

Please consider changing this proposal or voting it down.

Thank you,

Michelle Pembaur and Michael Pater

Sent from my iPhone

Crawford, Nicole

From: Linda Seiter
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:30 AM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Court Street

External Email Communication

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to ask you not to change Court Street into a pedestrian street. First of all, I believe we need inexpensive parking for people going to the courthouse. Most importantly, the parking is essential for those frequenting the businesses on Court Street. As an agency that serves those with disabilities, many of our clients rely on services from attorney Scott Knox. Some of them have serious mobility issues and rely on the easy of access to his building.

Again, please do not make this change to Court Street.

Linda Seiter
Executive Director

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Crawford, Nicole

From: Norma Davis
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 8:36 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Request that Council Members Reject Plan to Reduce Parking Spots
Attachments: 20190916- Letter to City Council Opposing Parking Reduction.docx

External Email Communication

Dear Council Members:

Please reject the 3CDC plan to reduce the parking spaces on E. Court Street per my attached note.

Norma Holt Davis

Crawford, Nicole

From:
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 3:13 PM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Court Street Renovation Plan

External Email Communication

I recently read a news article about the Court Street Renovation Plan. During my 45 years of practicing law in Cincinnati as a criminal and civil trial attorney I was at the courthouse on almost a daily basis. When you frequent the courthouse you learn where to find places to park. For clients who have court appearances, it was generally a nightmare for them to find places to park. When clients were late for their court appearances their reason was almost always that they had trouble finding a place to park. At best, the clients that showed up late annoyed the judge and at worse they had their cases dismissed or a capias was issued for their arrest. The court street renovation plan appears to be a nice step forward for the city but the elimination of 37 parking spaces within close proximity to the courthouse will make matters worse for people who have to make court appearances. Also, I had offices at three separate locations on Court Street so I appreciate the need for parking spaces on Court Street for business owners. Perhaps the planners can come with a solution to preserve those parking spaces. Thank you for your consideration.

Frank Osborne

Porter, Kourtney

From: Tom Lippert
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:17 AM
To: ClerkOfCouncilEmail
Subject: [External Email] Voting Suppression in Cincinnati?
Attachments: ACTION NEEDED TO COUNTER VOTER SUPPRESSION.docx

External Email Communication

Dear Vice-Mayor Smitherman –

By way of quick introduction, know that I'm a former Republican, octogenarian, since 2015 frightened NEVER TRUMPER and NO TRUMPER, member of Bellarmine Chapel Parish on the X.U. Campus (where I believe I've seen some of your family), born and raised in Cincinnati but presently a resident of Evendale not eligible to vote in my beloved city. I'm on a mission to do whatever I can to help banish Donald Trump from the White House, and hopefully exile him to Russia or North Korea.

At the moment my overriding fear is that there will be a shortage of in-person voting booths -- whether due to coronavirus restrictions, deliberate machinations, or just plain negligence – that could suppress the vote by creating impossibly long lines especially in our poorest and blackest precincts.

I'm attaching a one-page list of my fears and some thoughts to overcome them, about which I've been losing more sleep than should ever happen to an aged and aging honest person. I'm hoping you'll be able to relieve some of my anxiety, locally if not nationally, by helping a cause that I'm pretty sure is a common one between me and every Democrat on Council. Perhaps you know, and can assure me, that a sufficient number of the right people are already looking into this problem so that the situation we saw in the Milwaukee and Atlanta primaries cannot possibly happen in Cincinnati.

If not, my request is that you alert every Democratic councilperson -- and every similarly concerned civic activist you know of -- by forwarding my attachment so some necessary steps can get underway to avoid a sickening scene in our midst. Thankfully Democrats now also control our County, so I'm sending this appeal to the Democratic County Commissioners as well.

By the way I phoned Mayor Cranley and talked with Jessica a week or so ago in hopes of interesting him in the problem, but have not had a response as yet.

Thank you for listening.

Thomas J. Lippert

Cincinnati, OH

Phone

ACTION NEEDED TO COUNTER VOTER SUPPRESSION

ANY ACTION THAT HAS EFFECT OF DISENFRANCHISING A SINGLE ELIGIBLE VOTER VIOLATES CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 / INTENT OR MOTIVE IRRELEVANT / FEDERAL FELONY? / A PARTICULARLY HEINOUS CRIME AGAINST DEMOCRACY FOR POTUS? / TREASONOUS? IMPEACHABLE? / NO ONE'S SAYING / PUZZLING.

SOME CONSIDERATIONS:

POSTAL PROBLEMS ALREADY RECEIVING ATTENTION / BUT NO EFFORT TO REPAIR DISABLED SORTING MACHINES / DEPUTIZE UPS, FEDEX, AMAZON TO HANDLE ELECTION MAIL FOR LAST MINUTE HELP?

MORE IMPORTANT: FOR LITERACY-CHALLENGED VOTERS IN BLUEST PRECINCTS = ADEQUATE NUMBER OF CONVENIENT POLLING PLACES / THEY WILL WANT TO VOTE IN PERSON AT NEARBY NEIGHBORHOOD SITE AS ALWAYS / NATIONWIDE PROBLEM IF VOTERS LACK CONFIDENCE IN MAIL AS POTUS IS FOMENTING / DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO TAKE AWAY FOCUS ON TOO FEW POLLING PLACES?

OHIO SOS FRANK LAROSE REPORTED FIFTY CUYAHOGA CNTY POLLING PLACES UNAVAILABLE DUE TO COVID-19, E.G. NURSING HOMES & SITES NOT BIG ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ALREADY CLAIMING IT'S TOO LATE TO CHANGE VOTING ARRANGEMENTS (PER LAROSE IN REFUSING TO ALLOW MORE THAN ONE ABSENTEE LOCK BOX PER COUNTY).

LOCAL ELECTION BOARDS SHOULD REVEAL NOW NUMBER OF UNAVAILABLE POLLING SITES AND LOCATION OF NEW REPLACEMENTS / NUMBER ADEQUATE FOR MAJOR ELECTION? MANY MORE REQUIRED THAN IN PRIMARIES WHERE LONG LINES WERE ALREADY SEEN.

NETWORK MEDIA: SEND ISSUE ALERTS TO ALL AFFILIATE STATIONS NATIONWIDE / REQUEST INFO ON APPROVED POLLING SITE NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS / QUESTION IF NUMBER SUFFICIENT TO AVOID HUGE BREAKFAST AND DINNERTIME LINES IN POOR PRECINCTS WHERE WORKERS CAN'T LEAVE WORK TO VOTE DURING THE DAY /

WILL EMPLOYERS GIVE HOURLY WORKERS TIME OFF TO VOTE DURING WORKDAY TO ALLEVIATE LINES?

EXPECT MAJOR SHORTAGE OF POLL WORKERS CITED BY WISCONSIN AS REASON FOR ONLY 5 OF 180 MILWAUKEE VOTING SITES OPEN FOR PRIMARY / ESPECIALLY IF MASKS NOT MANDATED (cf. TEACHERS).

ADVOCATE NEED TO ALLOW NEXT-DAY VOTING FOR ANYONE TURNED AWAY AT POLL CLOSINGS / EXTEND HOURS BUT MAYBE NOT AFTER 8:00 PM BECAUSE POLL WORKERS MUST GET SLEEP.

ANTICIPATE REPUBLICAN SCHEMES TO REDUCE AVAILABILITY OF POLLING SITES (e.g. MILWAUKEE & ATLANTA "SUCCESSSES") TO ENSURE SHORTAGE OF POLLING SITES TO SUPPRESS VOTE / FBI INVESTIGATE? / OR CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE COMMITTEE? / SPEED ESSENTIAL.

IF NOT POSSIBLE ALERT PUBLIC THERE'S REASON TO SUSPECT MALFEASANCE / STRONG MOTIVATION FOR TRUMP MINIONS TO HEED TRUMP WARNINGS TO PREVENT BIG TURNOUT OR REPUBLICANS LOSE.

MANDATE MASK WEARING IN POLLING PLACES! ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT POLL WORKERS OR THEY MAY BE UNWILLING TO STAY / ALSO: TRUMPIST DISRUPTION TACTICS MAY MOTIVATE OPERATIVES TO ENTER POLLING PLACES W/O MASKS TO CREATE DISTURBANCES / COULD RESULT IN HAVING TO CLOSE SITES.

AT- RISK BLUE POLLING SITES MAY REQUIRE SECURITY! WILL ANY JURISDICTIONS BE READY?