

# City of Cincinnati



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Councilmember

WE MOVE that the Administration provide a funding estimate for installing diaper changing tables in women's and men's restrooms in every Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Center;

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration provide a funding estimate for designating a space, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public which may be used by an employee or by a member of the public to express breast milk in every Cincinnati Recreation Commission Recreation Center;

WE FURTHER MOVE, in partnership with the Cincinnati Parks Department, that the Administration also provide a funding estimate of installing diaper changing tables in the men's and women's restrooms in Cincinnati's parks;

WE FURTHER MOVE, in partnership with the Cincinnati Parks Department, that the Administration provide a funding estimate for designating spaces, other than a bathroom, in every Cincinnati park that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers or the public, which may be used by an employee or member of the public to express breast milk;

WE FURTHER MOVE, in partnership with the Cincinnati Parks Department, that the Administration report on the parks with the highest traffic that would most benefit from installation of changing tables and breast-feeding stations with the aim of implementing these installations in a phased approach.

Councilmember David Mann

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**STATEMENT:**

We have had preliminary conversations with City administration leadership and the Parks Department leadership, and both have proven to be strong and enthusiastic partners regarding this initiative. We understand this year presents a stark budget climate, and we are excited to work with City and Parks Department to find creative solutions to make our City facilities as accessible and welcoming as they can be for parents with young children, some of whom may be among those who benefit the most from the City's public spaces.

Cincinnati's Parks and Recreation Centers are publicly funded spaces, and such should be accessible to all Cincinnatians. Public spaces must be accessible to everyone, including those who care for and are accompanied by children. Our policy should make it explicitly clear that public spaces are open to these groups and that we will make any necessary changes to include them.

Designating a space for nursing mothers to express breast milk will allow them to complete the task efficiently and in comfort, and establishing conditions in which parents of young children feel comfortable utilizing publicly funded spaces with their children increases the opportunity for more residents of the City to take advantage of these spaces.

