



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Healthy Neighborhoods

Chairperson, Jan-Michele Kearney
Vice Chairperson, Victoria Parks
Councilmember Anna Albi
Councilmember Scotty Johnson

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

12:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATIONS

SPEAKERS

A1 STIGMA

Monte Barnett - Founder A1 Stigma Free Coalition and CEO, Reach one Recovery Services

Deztani Randle - Community Outreach Coordinator, Hamilton County Public Health

Michael Collins - Coo, Reach One Recovery Services

Rashida Pearson - Community Outreach Expert, Walls of Wellness Consulting

Laurie Miller - Mental Health and Substance use Therapist, Peaceful Intentions Counseling and Education

Todd Craig - Court Liaison and Education Counselor, DeCoach Recovery Centre

CINCINNATI MINORITY CANNABIS EDUCATION COALITION

Rashida Pearson - President

Stephan Pryor - Vice President

Josh Harp - Community Engagement

PRESENTATIONS

1. [202500395](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, a presentation from A1 Stigma Free Coalition. A coalition with a mission to reduce the stigma surrounding overdose deaths and improving mental well-being in the African community.

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

2. [202500415](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Cincinnati Minority Cannabis Group, Rashida Pearson - President; Stephan Pryor - Vice President; and Josh Harp - Community Engagement. Regarding educating the Youth on the Risks of Cannabis use.

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

AGENDA

3. [202500242](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that Cincinnati City Council approve the establishment of an LGBTQIA+ Commission to advise City Council and the administration on an ongoing basis about issues of concern and policy recommendations. The members of the commission would be appointed by the mayor and commissioners would not receive any remuneration for their service. A draft of the proposed Ordinance is attached.

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Motion](#)

4. [202500328](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Jim Scott Way" in honor of Jim Scott, and in recognition of his many years of volunteer service to the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade and his legacy of giving, volunteering, and spreading joy.

Sponsors: Kearney

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Resolution](#)

5. [202402279](#) **ORDINANCE**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **DECLARING** that Realistic Avenue at Dana Avenue in the Evanston neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of "Beverly Kinney Way" in honor of Beverly Kinney, who was in a fatal pedestrian accident, and as a reminder of the necessity for drivers to always observe road and traffic regulations.

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Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Ordinance](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Monte Barnett, Founder | A1 Stigma Free Coalition





Our Mission

Our mission is to reduce the stigma surrounding overdose deaths and improving mental well being in the African American community by providing education, evidence-based treatment, and resources.





Our Vision

Our vision is to eradicate all behavior health disparities in the African American communities in Hamilton County by providing education and access to a full continuum of care.



Disparities

Paris Wheeler, PhD

Assistant Professor | Dept of Psychology

University of Cincinnati

Substance Use Disparities among Black Americans

Drug Use

- Past year illicit drug use do not differ between Black and White people (21.9% and 21.7%, respectively)

Drug Treatment

- Black adults are 18-37% less likely to complete substance use treatment compared to White counterparts
- Shorter treatment duration

Health Disparities

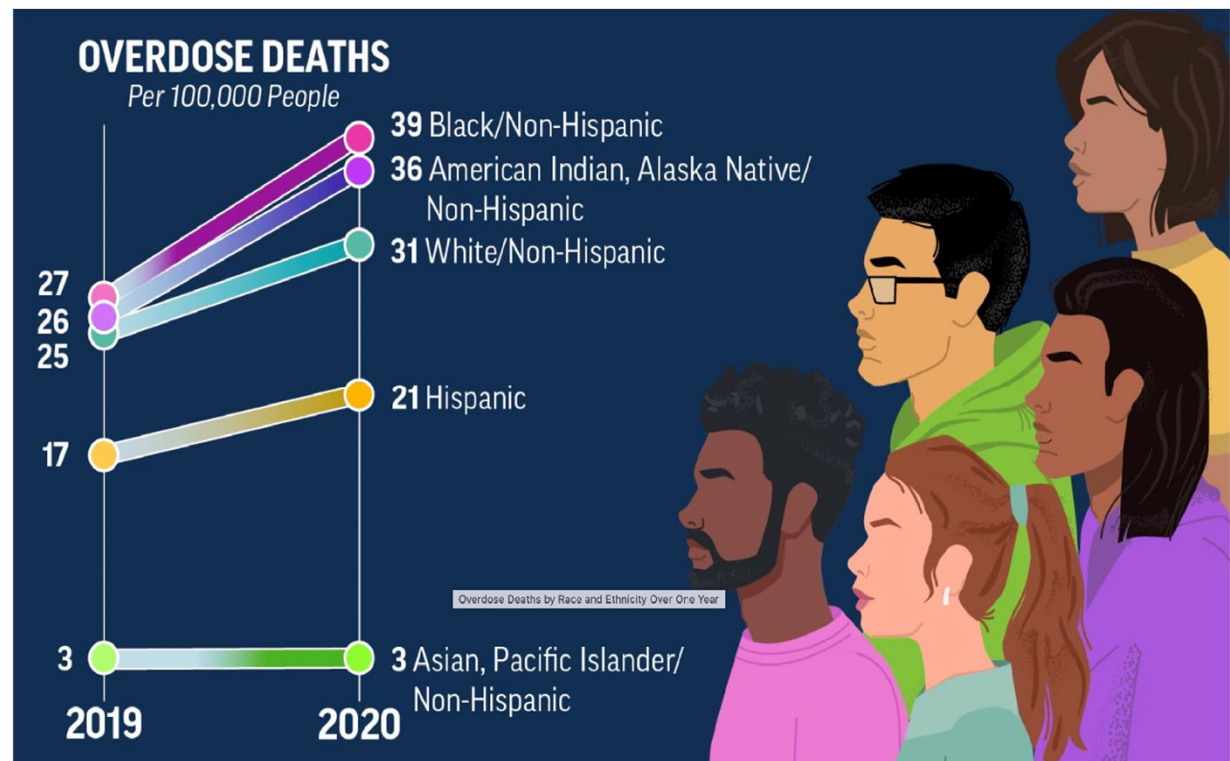
- Black Americans more likely to contract STIs despite similar or lower individual risks behaviors
- Disproportionate overdose deaths

Racial Disparities in Drug Overdose

- Overdoses among Black Americans surpassed rates for White Americans for first time in 2020 (Friedman & Hansen, 2022)

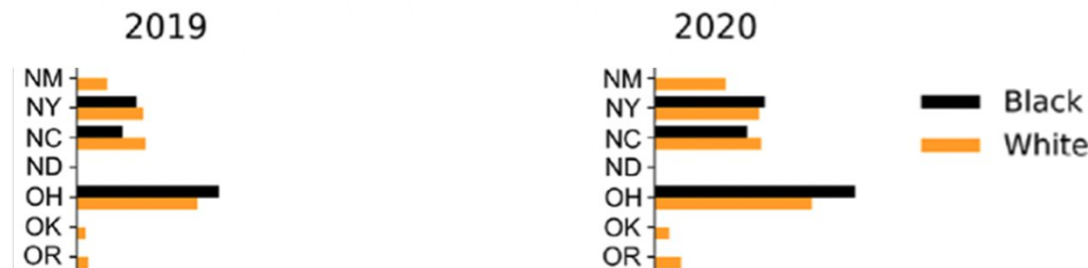
- Causes

- Employment access
- Housing
- Discriminatory law enforcement practices
- Unregulated drug supply



Fentanyl in Illicit Drug Supplies

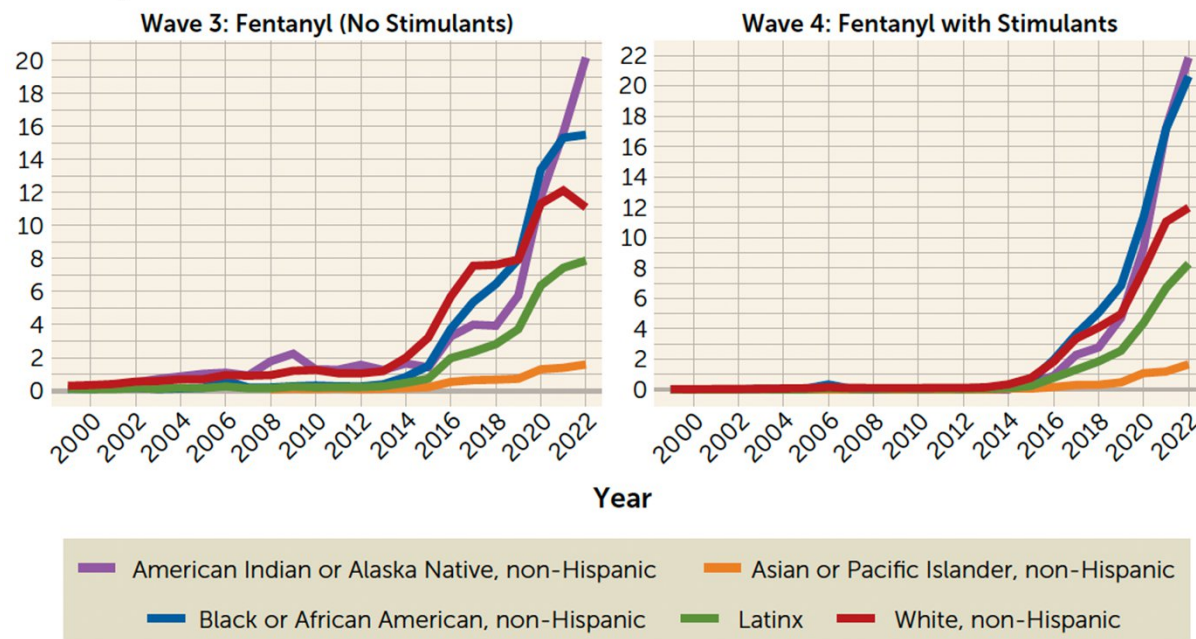
- Illicitly manufactured fentanyl (IMF) laced in various drug sources, including heroin, cocaine, pills, etc.
- Many Black Americans who overdose are not primary opioid users, but were exposed to IMF through use other drugs
 - Between 2013 and 2020, the crude rates of fentanyl- involved overdose deaths rose by 6,980% for Black men and 2,140% for Black women, compared to 2,209% and 991% for the aggregate US male and female populations



Fentanyl and Stimulants

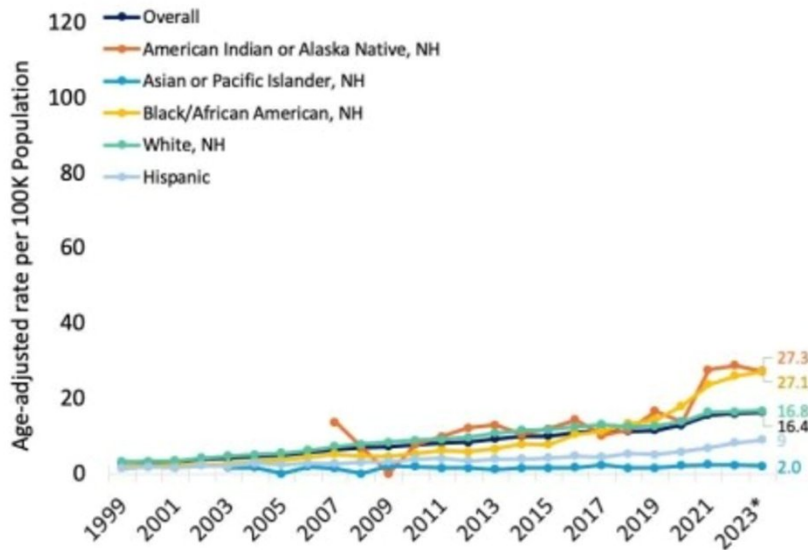
•Overdoses are highest among people who are ingesting fentanyl with stimulants (cocaine, methamphetamine)

- 1) Harder for body to process multiple drugs
- 2) stimulants decrease blood flow to the brain, while opioids slow breathing
- 3) usually leads to injecting more frequently, more opioids in system

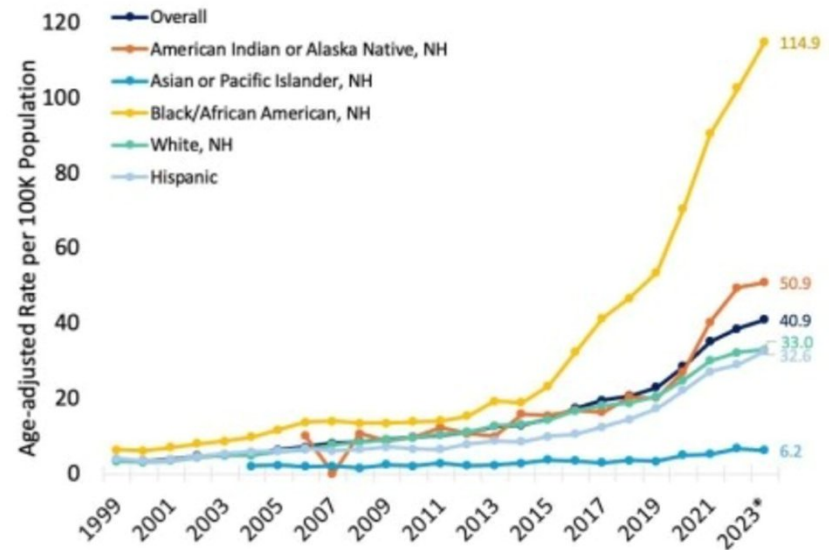


Fentanyl and Stimulants

Adults Females, Aged 55-85+ years, by Race



Adult Males, Aged 55-85+ years, by Race



Harm Reduction

Deztani Randle

Outreach Coordinator

Hamilton County Public Health

Harm Reduction

- Harm reduction: evidence-based strategies to save lives and improve well-being of people who use drugs
- Empowers people who use drugs with life-saving skills and resources
 - Person-centered and community led approaches
 - Reduce disease transmission
 - Prevent overdose
 - Improve physical, mental, social well-being
 - Examples: medications for OUD; naloxone access; drug testing; Syringe exchange programs/safe injection sites; condoms and PrEP
- Regional efforts (e.g., HEALing Communities Study)
Aims to reduce overdose by 40%; however, shifts in racial disparities have emerged since the study began

Prevention

Rashida Pearson

Community Engagement Expert

Walls of Wellness Consulting

Prevention

Prevention: a planned sequence of culturally relevant, evidenced-based strategies, which are designed to reduce the likelihood of or delay the onset of mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.

Prevention Strategies

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) identifies six effective prevention strategies. The strategies are listed below.

- Information Dissemination
- Prevention Education
- Alternatives
- Problem Identification and Referral
- Community Based Processes
- Environmental Strategies



Mental Health

Launie Miller, MS, LPCCC, LICDC

Founder

Peaceful Intentions Counseling & Consulting



Mental Health



How to Help

Michael Collins, MS, LPCC, LICDC

Author

The Recovery Guidebook

How to Help



*This is a Call to Action to emphasize the importance of addressing opioid prevention disparities in the Black communities. (Individuals, communities, and policymakers of all races must unite to combat this historical opioid epidemic.)

Thank you!



a1-stigmafree.org



[A1StigmaFreeCoalition](https://www.facebook.com/A1StigmaFreeCoalition)



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The Risk of Cannabis Use in Youth

Why this is important?

- The legalization of cannabis in Ohio necessitates greater focus on keeping our youth safe. We are submitting this proposal for funding to organize additional community panel discussions on the harmful effects of cannabis use on youth. Through the promotion of health education, these events will align with your mission to ensure all 52 neighborhoods thrive in the City of Cincinnati by addressing the growing need to prevent substance abuse in at-risk youth. With your assistance, we can make harm reduction and prevention education more accessible in our community, giving more people a better chance to thrive.

Community Panel Discussion with a Harm Reduction Approach

- Expert Panelists (Clinical Psychologist, Mental Health Therapist, Medical Marijuana Doctor, Cannabis Researchers, Lived Experience, Law Enforcement,)
- Facilitator/Moderator to guide the discussion.
- Topics covered: Health risks, prevention strategies, community interventions.
- Educational materials and giveaways (cannabis lockboxes).




Objectives and Goals

- Educate youth and families on harmful effects of cannabis use.
- Provide resources, including cannabis lockboxes for safe storage.
- Gather community attitudes data on cannabis use and prevention.
- Foster community engagement and dialogue on substance abuse prevention.



Implementation Plan and Time Line

- Pre-Event Planning (Weeks 4-6):
 - Confirm panelists and facilitators.
 - Develop marketing materials and launch advertising.
- Event Execution (Event Day):
 - Manage panel discussion and provide refreshments.
 - Distribute educational materials and conduct surveys.
- Post-Event Follow-Up (Weeks 5-6):
 - Analyze survey results and compile feedback report.
 - Share event highlights via social media and email.

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- Engagement: Educate at least 100 attendees.
 - Resource Distribution: Provide 100 cannabis lockboxes.
 - Data Collection: Gather data on attitudes and behaviors related to cannabis use.
 - Content Creation: Produce video and photo archives for future outreach.

Measurable Outcomes

Organizational Capacity

- - Proven track record in organizing educational events and outreach programs.
- - Team includes medical doctors, educators, community activists, and mental health professionals.
- - Commitment to reducing youth substance abuse through preventive education.



Evaluation Plan

- - Use of pre- and post-event surveys to assess knowledge and attitude changes.
- - Analyze demographic diversity of attendees.
- - Track community engagement through attendance metrics.
- - Maintain relationships with attendees through follow-up communication.



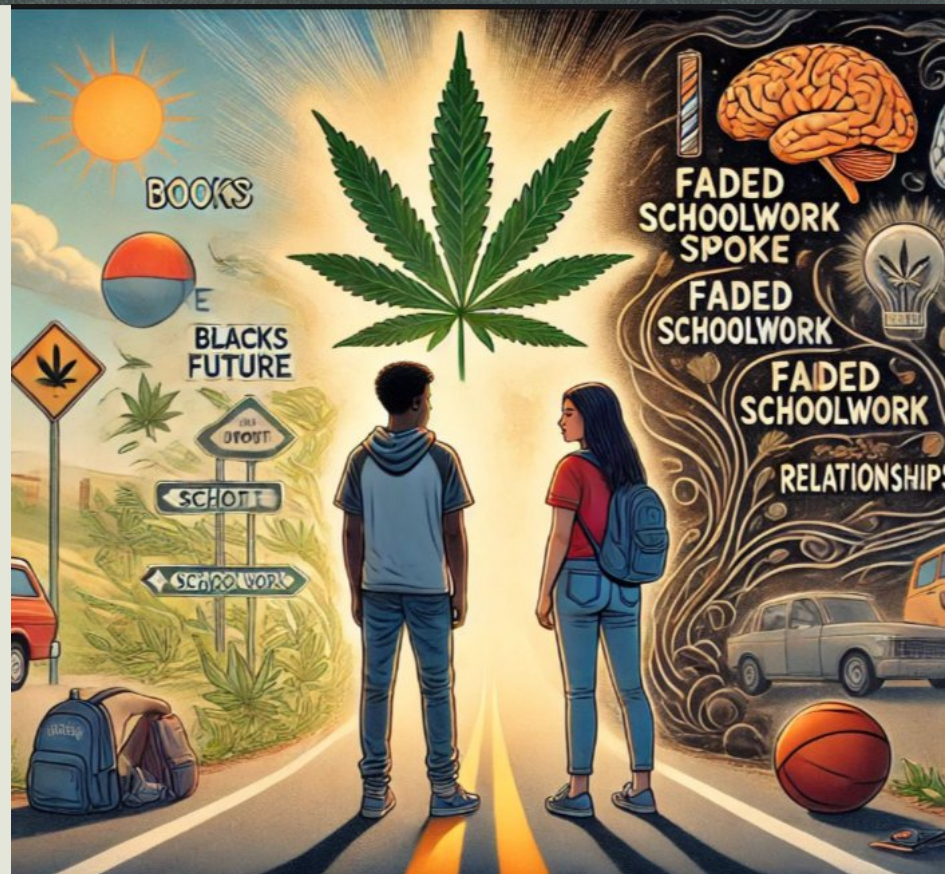
Conclusion

- Emphasize the importance of education on the harmful effects of cannabis on youth.
- Highlight the potential positive impact of this initiative on community health.
- Request for funding support to ensure the success of this project.

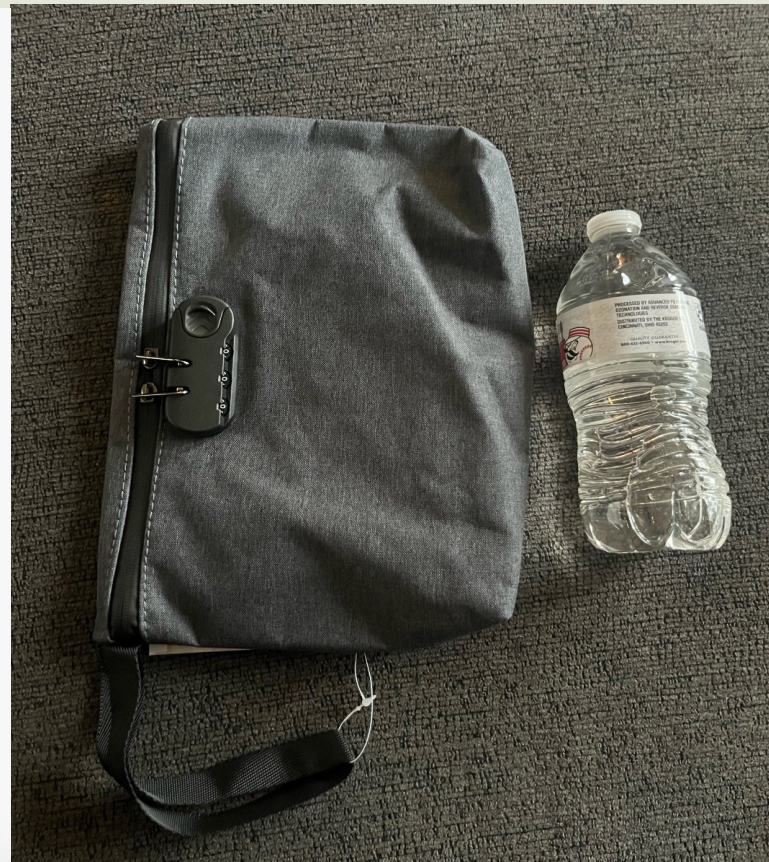


Additional Information

- Will provide upon request:
 - Detailed budget breakdown
 - Resumes of Board Members
 - Letters of support from partner organizations
 - Detailed event timeline



Images of lock bags to safely store, cannabis products



Thank you, We appreciate your consideration of our proposal and look forward to contributing to community health through this initiative.

- Contact Information:

- Rashida Pearson-Watts,
CEO

- The Cincinnati Minority
Cannabis Group

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- [513-227-0164]

The poster is for an event titled "THE RISK OF CANNABIS USE IN YOUTH" which is a panel discussion for a call to action. It is scheduled for January 4, 2025, at the West-End Neighborhood House. The event is hosted by Walls of Wellness, INC. and includes a call to action. The poster features several speakers and a moderator, each with a circular portrait and their name and title. The event sponsors are listed at the bottom.

January 4, 2025

A Call for Action

THE RISK OF CANNABIS USE IN YOUTH

A PANEL DISCUSSION FOR A CALL TO ACTION

Hosted By
Walls of Wellness, INC.

Doors open at 10:00 am until 2:00 pm
Light Refreshments provided.

West-End Neighborhood House
901 Findley Street Cincinnati, Ohio, 45214

Event Sponsors:

INTERACT FOR HEALTH

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

OLLIE'S TROLLEY

MACKEY QUALITY MEATS

Cincinnati Minority Cannabis Group

Jet-In

THE UNITY CENTER

DR. BRIDGET COLE WILLIAMS, M.D.

DR. LATRICE MONTGOMERY, PH.D.

DR. KADORI MARSHALL, DNP

DR. COOPER, M.D.

MODERATOR
RASHIDA PEARSON-WATTS, M.ED

SPECIAL GUEST
SPEAKER
JOSHUA HARP



February 5, 2025

MOTION

WE MOVE that Cincinnati City Council approve the establishment of an LGBTQIA+ Commission to advise City Council and the administration on an ongoing basis about issues of concern and policy recommendations. The members of the commission would be appointed by the Mayor and commissioners would not receive any remuneration for their service. A draft of the proposed Ordinance is attached.


Vice Mayor Jan-Michele L. Kearney

STATEMENT

Students at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine as well as members of the Cincinnati community expressed the need for the City of Cincinnati to establish a commission to assist the City in identifying and addressing needs and concerns of the LGBTQIA+ community.

According to GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation), a non-governmental organization that advocates for LGBTQ+ people, hate crimes against the LGBTQIA+ community increased in Ohio by 189% between 2022 and 2023. It was reported that from June 2022 to June 2024, GLAAD tracked 70 anti-LGBTQ+ incidents that took place in Ohio including arson, assault, a bomb threat, vandalism, and harassment. Eighteen of the incidents occurred from June 2022- June 2023, while 52 incidents took place from June 2023-June 2024 (a 189% increase). It must be noted that many hate crimes are not reported.

The commission would be a resource to further the City's strong commitment to being a welcoming, inclusive community.

DRAFT ORDINANCE

Amending [Title II of Cincinnati's Municipal Code that address boards, commissions, and committees] by enacting a new [section] entitled "Cincinnati's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and other sexual identities and gender identities that are not included in the acronym (LGBTQIA+)" to formally establish such Commission.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are committed to working with the Cincinnati LGBTQIA+ community to address their concerns and needs; and

WHEREAS, a formally-appointed Cincinnati LGBTQIA+ Commission will help broaden the perspectives of those presently serving in City government; and

WHEREAS, the City values enacting legislation, policies, programs, procedures or administrative actions that advance social, economic and political equality for the Cincinnati LGBTQIA+ community and believes incorporating those ideas will make the City a better place; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will provide LGBTQIA+ individuals the opportunity to play a productive role within the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the City values the input of agencies and organizations who work on LGBTQIA+ issues and has a desire to have such groups represented on the Commission; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF CINCINNATI, OHIO:

Section 1. [Title II of the Cincinnati's Municipal Code that addresses boards, commissions, and committees and the affected sections are referenced here] to formally establish such Commission, said sections to read as follows:

Sec. 2-970.60. Purpose.

The Cincinnati LGBTQIA+ Commission will assist and support city leadership by serving as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on LGBTQIA+ matters and recommending legislation, policies, programs, procedures or administrative actions that advance social, economic and political equality for the LGBTQIA+ community, or oppose those that do not and making the City a better place for all in which to live.

DRAFT ORDINANCE

(a) The Commission shall:

- (1) Serve as an advisory body to the City Council regarding issues actually or potentially affecting persons within the LGBTQIA+ community or the LGBTQIA+ community as a whole;
- (2) Serve in an advisory and consultative capacity to the City Council and any identified City departments with the aim of improving the ability of the City and its vendors, contractors, and consultants to serve, support, and employ the LGBTQIA+ community;
- (3) Recommend to the City Council measures designed to enhance the health, safety, economic opportunity and affordability, mobility, cultural and learning opportunities, and government access and accountability for the LGBTQIA+ community;
- (4) Coordinate and/or participate in educational programs to promote equal treatment, opportunity, and understanding of persons within the LGBTQIA+ community, and facilitate gatherings such as meetings, institutes, forums, or courses of instruction designed to lead to greater understanding and crafting of solutions for issues of concern of the LGBTQIA+ community;
- (5) Work with other City Commissions to address issues of intersectionality; and
- (6) Create, guide, support, and evaluate LGBTQIA+ quality of life initiatives.
- (7) Collaborate with other commissions and committees as appropriate.
- (8) The commission shall report in person at least twice annually to the Healthy Neighborhoods Committee.

(b) The Commission shall provide an annual report to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on its activities and recommendations on matters and City programs affecting the LGBTQIA+ community in the City.

Sec. 2-970.63. Meetings; Rules and Procedures.

(a) The Commission shall meet a minimum of six (6) times per year at a time and place determined by the commission.

(b) A quorum shall consist of a majority of seated members present in-person and/or virtually.

20250226

Date: February 26, 2025

To: Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW/mx*
Subject: **Ordinance – Street Renaming – Jim Scott Way**

Transmitted herewith is an ordinance captioned as follows:

DECLARING that the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Jim Scott Way” in honor of Jim Scott, and in recognition of his many years of volunteer service to the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade and his legacy of giving, volunteering, and spreading joy.

EESW/AEP(dbr)
Attachment
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EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

AEP
EBSW/MSB

An Ordinance No. _____

-2025

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WHEREAS, Jim Scott served as a spokesperson for the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade, leading the annual press conference each year and marching in the parade for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott was a Cincinnati radio legend with more than forty years on the airwaves and served as the voice of several generations; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott was a public servant and volunteer, helping to raise funds and awareness for local charities and organizations including the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign, Cincinnati Public Radio, Cincinnati United Way, the March of Dimes, Big Brother Big Sisters, and Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott was recognized with many awards, including being named a “Community Hero” by the United States Olympic Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott served as the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 2024 Findlay Market Opening Day Parade where he rode the parade route in a convertible alongside his wife, Donna, with thousands of fans holding signs saying, “We love you, Jim”; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott welcomed every person in Cincinnati to come together in celebration of our town and the incredible event that is Opening Day in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott never forgot a face or a name and will be remembered for his brightness and his kindness; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Jim Scott Way” in honor of Jim Scott.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate the intersection of Race Street and Liberty Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood as “Jim Scott Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Jim Scott via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

202402279

Date: October 30, 2024

To: Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
From: Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*
Subject: **Ordinance – Street Renaming – Beverly Kinney Way**

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EESW/JRS(dmm)
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City of Cincinnati

JRS

EESW

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WHEREAS, Beverly J. Kinney was born in Toledo, Ohio and moved to Cincinnati where she was a valued member of the community for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kinney retired from Princeton City Schools where she worked as a gifted education teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kinney was a patron of the arts, being a dedicated donor and patron of the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kinney was devoted to helping others succeed and volunteered for arts organizations, civic groups, poll duties, and at her church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kinney’s love of humanity and equal opportunities compelled her to build lasting relationships with the people she served; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, January 11, 2024, Mrs. Kinney was crossing the street at Duck Creek Road and Dana Avenue, when she was tragically struck and killed; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kinney, a devoted wife and mother, was known for her loving and kind spirit, and her impact to the Cincinnati community as a teacher, volunteer, and friend will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, Council, together with Mrs. Kinney’s loving and dedicated family, her friends, and all who knew her, wish to honor her memory by placing an honorary, secondary name at the intersection of Realistic Avenue at Dana Avenue in the Evanston neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, by this action, Council and Mrs. Kinney’s family further seek to increase education and awareness of consequences and the fatal ramifications for failing to observe road and traffic regulations in the hope that future tragedies of this type are prevented; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Realistic Avenue at Dana Avenue in the Evanston neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Beverly Kinney Way” in honor of Beverly

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