

#### **City of Cincinnati**

801 Plum Street Cincinnati, OH 45202

#### Agenda - Final-revised

#### **Healthy Neighborhoods**

Chairperson, Jan-Michele Kearney Vice Chairperson, Victoria Parks Councilmember Reggie Harris Councilmember Scotty Johnson

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

12:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Price Hill Will**

#### Rachel Hastings, Executive Director

#### **Exploratory Conversation to Address Youth Violence**

#### **Dr. Eric Thomas**

#### **Madisonville Community Council**

#### Kerry Devery, President

#### **AGENDA**

**1.** <u>202200135</u> **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Rachel

Hastings, Executive Director of Price Hill Will titled Price Hill Will.

**Sponsors:** Kearney

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Presentation</u>

2. 202200148 PRESENTATION submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Dr. Eric

Thomas titled Creating the Future Together.

**Sponsors:** Kearney

**Attachments:** Presentation

3. 202200108 MOTION, submitted by Councilmembers Landsman, Owens, Parks and Vice

Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Administration conduct a report into the feasibility of implementing the following recommendations from the Urban League on improving civic and voter engagement. (BALANCE ON FILE IN

THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED).

**Sponsors:** Landsman, Owens, Parks and Kearney

<u>Attachments:</u> Motion

**4.** 202200145 **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** for the City's

Department of Transportation and Engineering to execute a parking study to evaluate the parking needs for the Madison and Whetsel Business District. The parking study will be funded from the Madisonville District TIF in the amount of \$30,000. The study will be shared with the Madisonville Community Council and other community stakeholders to provide input on the parking needs of the Madison and Whetsel Business District in order to inform a final decision of parking needs for the business district. WE FURTHER MOVE that the parking study is completed by the end of February 2022. (STATEMENT

ATTACHED)

<u>Sponsors:</u> Kearney
<u>Attachments:</u> 202200145

**5.** <u>202200167</u> **PRESENTATION** submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney from Mr Kerry

Devery titled Madisonville Parking Study Request.

**Sponsors:** Kearney

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Presentation</u>

**ADJOURNMENT** 















## **OUR MISSION**

Price Hill Will is a nonprofit community development corporation servicing the neighborhoods of East, West, and Lower Price Hill in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all residents of Price Hill using an equitable, creative, and asset-based approach to physical, civic, social, and economic development. We help residents, particularly residents with lower income or formal education levels, immigrants, and people of color, build on their assets and gain skills as we connect them with resources to improve their quality of life. We achieve this via community leadership development, community gardens, neighborhood business district planning and revitalization, residential and commercial real estate development, our MYCincinnati 125-member youth orchestra, arts and cultural events, and many other programs.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**











# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**









# **MYCINCINNATI**

MYCincinnati's mission is to use ensemble-based instrumental music as a tool for youth development and community engagement by providing children with access to free, intense, high-quality music education.



# PRICE HILLHARMONIC

- 50+ member free adult orchestra
- Community building opportunity
- Beginner + intermediate





### HOMESTEADING

- Rapid equity building
- PHW, Santa Maria, Legal Aid, WIN, Catholic Charities, The Port, LISC
- PHW acquires vacant properties, brings them up to code, and then sells them via 5-year, 0% interest land contract to families below 65% of ami
- Families complete cosmetic work
- 15 families in homes; 2 families paid off early
- 6 owners are Black, 8 are Latinx, 1 White
- No Homestead homeowner has defaulted on their land contract
- 100% of Homesteaders report that their quality of housing has improved their life







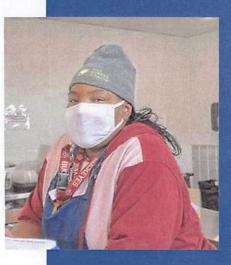


- NBDIP funds from City for acquisition/renovation
- Your Store of the Queen City nonprofit grocery/deli operator
- Outerspace w LPH Artist Collective
- Redbike Station summer 2022!











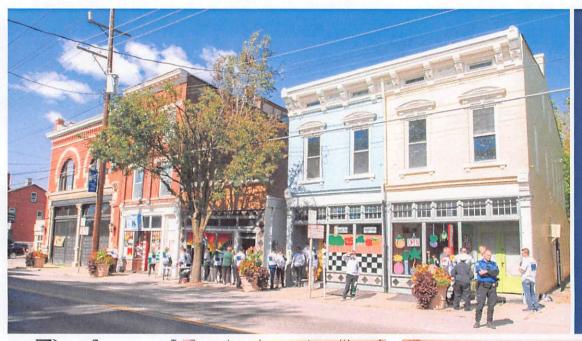


# WARSAW CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION

Shotspotter, PIVOT, Pedestrian Safety







# WARSAW AVENUE CREATIVE CAMPUS

- Use the arts to connect youth and families to revitalize Warsaw NBD
- Gateway to EPH
- Affordable housing, family-centric arts organizations, and commercial opportunities
- Created local and national historic districts
- Model Group, City Studios, CDF, 5/3, LISC
- HTCs + NMTCs + NOFA + NBDIP = \$10m







#### **WARSAW AVENUE CREATIVE CAMPUS**











#### WPH RESTAURANT / BEER GARDEN / CRAFT BREWERY



- Focus on two Glenway NBDs and proposed W 8th node
- Support existing businesses and attract new businesses
- Traffic calming



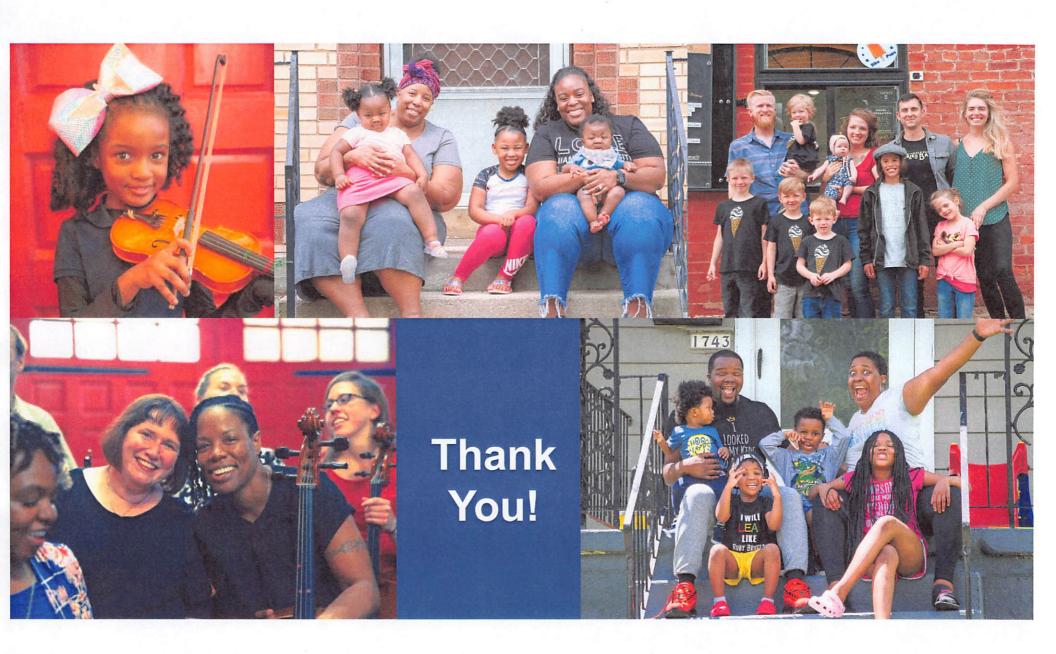




- WPHCC wanted to save buildings
- PHW acquired from The Port with CDBG funds
- Community gathering place
- Partnership with Daffin Development + Cafeo Hospitality
- Phased project, finalizing design









Healthy Neighborhoods Committee
Cincinnati City Council
January 25, 2022



## The Reality (July 2019)

# Cincinnati Officials Outline Immediate Plans to Address Spike in Gun Violence — But What About Deeper Issues?

Overall, shootings have trended down in Cincinnati, but a large spike in violence this summer has caused concerns. Data, and some experts, suggest reducing violence long-term may involve struggling with difficult, deep-rooted socioeconomic problems.





## The Reality (July 2020)

# Community leaders say money, resources needed to stop, reduce gun violence in Cincinnati

CIRV officials say program funding gutted leaving it ineffective











Updated: 11:40 PM EDT Aug 17, 2020

# The Reality (July 2021)

# Squandered Cincinnati crime initiative could have prevented Smale Park, state senator says

The search is on for a solution to Cincinnati's rash of youth gun violence. Cecil Thomas says it's been hiding under our noses.



# The Reality (July 2021)

# Youth gun violence alarming, and it has been at this level for a decade



Cameron Knight
Cincinnati Enquirer

Published 10:31 p.m. ET July 6, 2021 | Updated 11:04 a.m. ET July 7, 2021











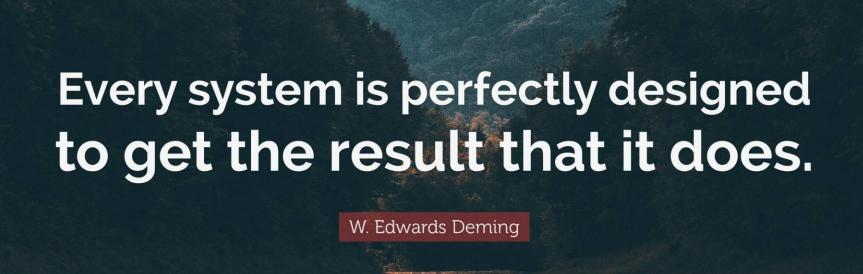
### The Reality (December 2021)



#### **KIDS WHO KILL**

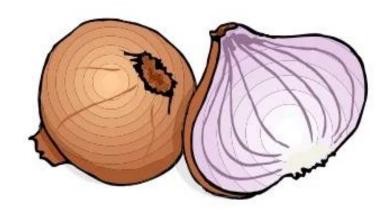
More teens are facing murder charges. How it came to this

Kevin Grasha and Cameron Knight, Cincinnati Enquirer
Published 10:00 PM EST Dec. 8, 2021 | Updated 7:41 AM EST Dec. 18, 2021

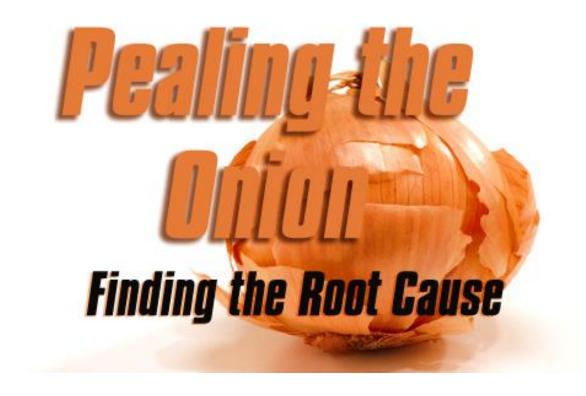


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# The complexity of today's reality is great



Peel back the layers of the onion to avoid jumping to incorrect conclusions and applying incorrect solutions.





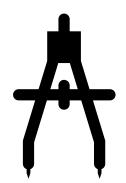
To assist our youth, we must start with understanding the etiology of their issues.

# The Social Innovation Lab Approach

Dr. Victor Garcia Children's Hospital









Multi-Stakeholder Groups

Apply Systems
Thinking

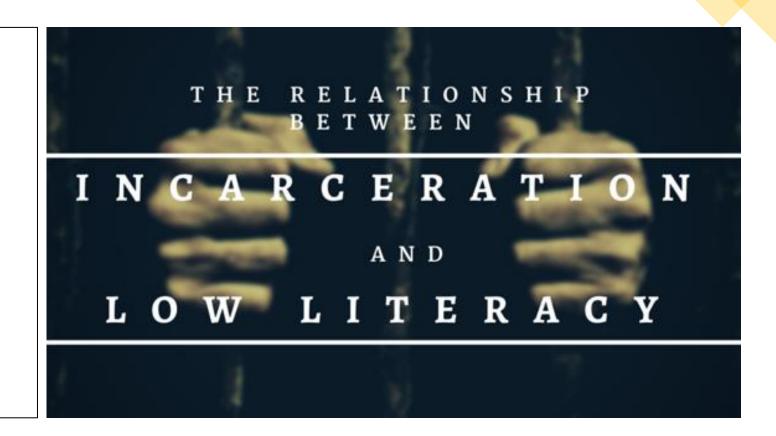
Apply Design Thinking

Prototype and Test Solutions

= Tackle Complex Problems

# High school and college graduates do not...

- ¹85% of all juveniles involved in the justice system are functionally illiterate
- <sup>2</sup>HS Dropouts are 3.5x more likely than high school graduates to be arrested
- Some suggest that 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Proficiency scores inform the need for prisons



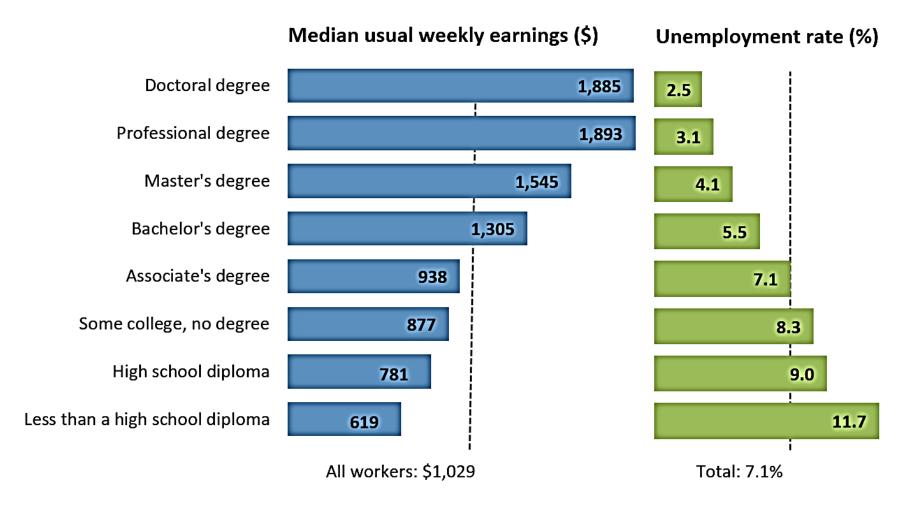
#### Sources:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>National Assessment of Adult Literacy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

# **Education Pays**

#### Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2020

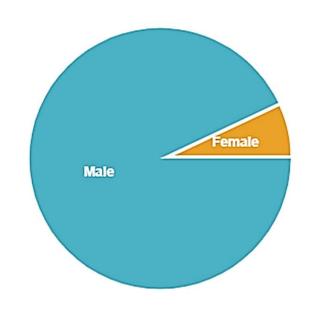


Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

# **Inmates**

#### Inmate Gender

Statistics based on prior month's data -- -- Last Updated: Saturday, 8 January 2022

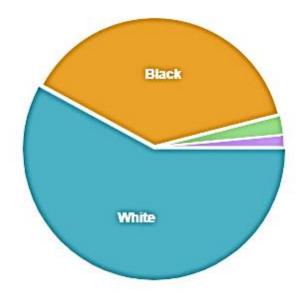


#### Gender # of Inmates % of Inmates

Female	11,036	7.0%
Male	146,169	93.0%

#### Inmate Race

Statistics based on prior month's data -- -- Last Updated: Saturday, 8 January 2022

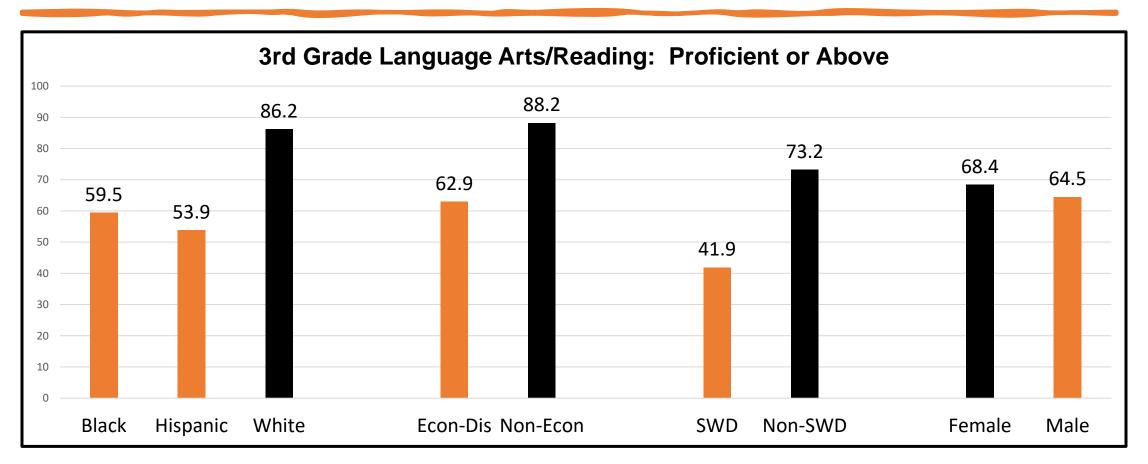


Race	# of Inmates	% of Inmates

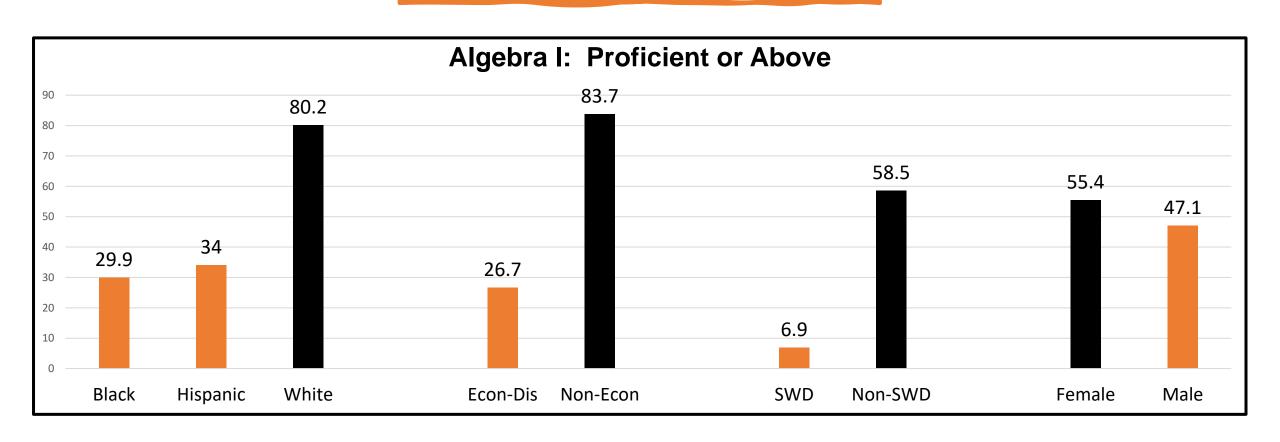
Asian	2,339	1.5%
Black	59,913	38.1%
Native American	3,919	2.5%
White	91,034	57.9%

**Source: Federal Bureau of Prisons** 

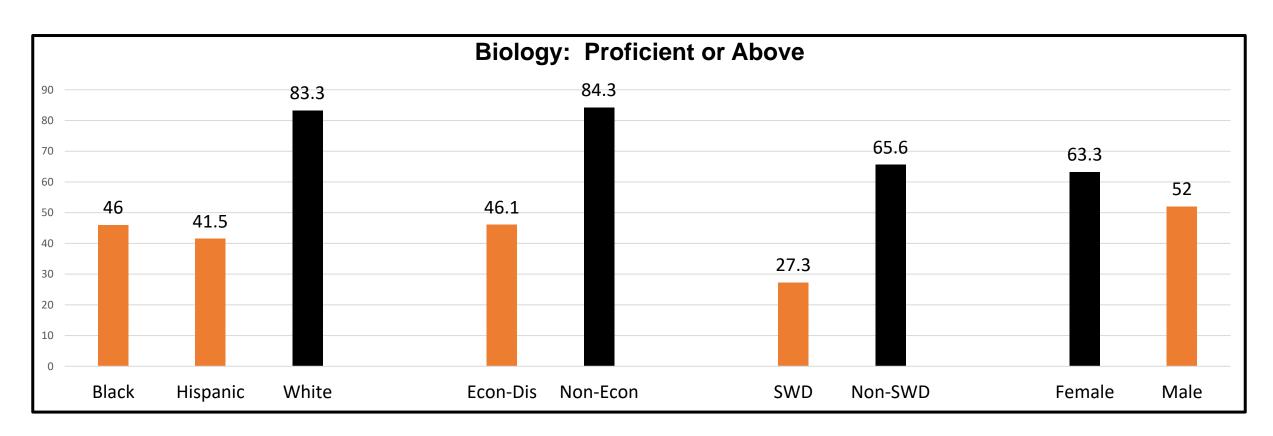
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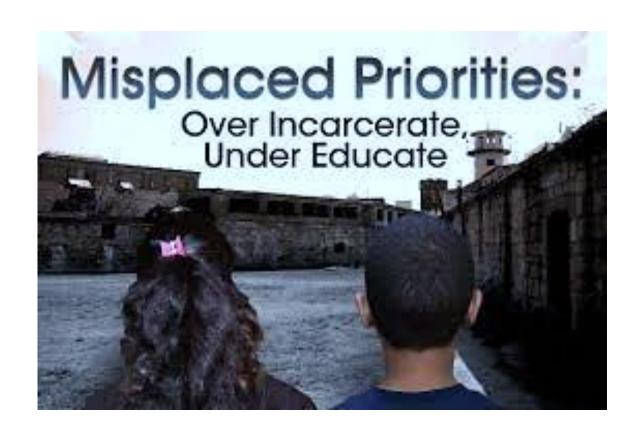
- 38% home ownership
- Lost tax and economic benefits
- Unhealthy neighborhoods
- The cycle continues

# The Impact on Cincinnati



Is a more vibrant Cincinnati possible without solving this problem?

# The men & women in *blue* can't solve the problem, alone!





# Previous efforts have shown success...









## Dr. Shantel Thomas A Sound Mind Counseling

## The Children's Center: Healing the Hurt

# The Three E's of xperience



#### Previous efforts have shown some success...



### **Objectives for today:**

- Inform City Council that a multi-sector stakeholder group is exploring the value of a partnership between a *refreshed* CPS M.O.R.E. Program and a *refreshed* CIRV as a strategy to impact neighborhood violence.
- Request City Council's support for this exploratory effort.
- Seek invitation to next month's Healthy Neighborhoods Committee meeting to provide a status update.

# Additional preliminary partners from various sectors:

- Lee Black, SCPA MORE Coordinator, CPS
- Lathel Bryant, Assistant Director, Cincinnati Recreation Commission
- Kyle Cadena, Studio Director, Music Resource Center
- Rodney Christian, President, East Westwood Community Council
- Ozie Davis, Community Activist
- Brandon Elliott, College Success Advisor, University of Cincinnati
- Harold Howard, Vice-President, Talbert House
- Reverend Mingo Peterson
- Others

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Greg Landsman

Councilmember

January 14th, 2022

#### **MOTION**

Civic/Voter Engagement

We move that the Administration conduct a report into the feasibility of implementing the following recommendations from the Urban League on improving civic and voter engagement:

- 1. Paid time off for City employees to vote (during the early voting timeframe or on Election Day).
- 2. Accessible transportation to vote for voters who need it (eg. for financial reasons, disability, etc.).
- Implementing an improved communications/outreach plan that ensures all Cincinnati voters have
  access to accurate information regarding voter registration and civic engagement process;
  including but not limited to:
  - a. A 'Mobile Vote Center' initiative, spearheaded in partnership with the BOE, in order to engage hard-to-reach neighborhoods (similar to the traveling 513 Relief Bus, an effort which has proven to be very effective in bringing resources to people), and
  - b. Written resources —e.g. official mailers or flyers and/or digital resources e.g. updates to the City website to include more voter information, or innovative modes of communication like video and social media outreach and more.
- 4. Piloting the use of City buildings as polling locations, in order to increase places voting is accessible

The Administration is also welcome to include any additional ideas or recommendations for improving civic and voter engagement outside of the above in this report.

#### **STATEMENT**

On National Voter Registration Day in September of this year, Jasmine Coaston presented several recommendations for how the City of Cincinnati could improve our civic and voter engagement to members of the Major Projects Committee (on behalf of the Urban League). Considering the voting

Should include an update on Ordinance 0105-2015 (authorizing the City Manager to "take all necessary action to initiate negotiations with all of the City of Cincinnati's recognized bargaining units representing City employees to provide for a recognized City of Cincinnati holiday on Election Day of each year for all such represented employees" and to "take all necessary action to provide non-represented City employees with an Election Day holiday..." on what actions have been taken to negotiate, and how those negotiations have gone.

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participation of Cincinnati voters in local elections still hovers between a meager 20-30%, it is critical we look into possible initiatives or improvements that could nurture a more civically engaged city culture.

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We can, and should, play a key role in educating citizens about the voting process and encouraging increased engagement in it. As a nationally recognized leader on issues of civil rights, urban advocacy, and political engagement, the Urban League's recommendations for Cincinnati should be honored; the Administration should conduct a report into the logistical feasibility and potential of enacting these reforms in Cincinnati.

Councilmember Greg Landsman	
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January 21, 2022

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WE FURTHER MOVE that the parking study is completed by the end of February 2022.

Jan-Michele L	emon Kearney

#### **STATEMENT**

The City Administration proposed an expenditure of the Madisonville District TIF in the amount of \$30,000 to help fund a parking study to evaluate parking needs for the Madison and Whetsel Business District.

The parking analysis of the Madisonville Neighborhood Business District should include the number of public and private parking spots available in the immediate, walkable area after phase I, II, and III of the Ackerman Group's project at Madison & Whetsel are completed. The parking study funded by this motion is a long-standing community request and will provide additional data and direction on future parking needs for Madisonville and should be completed and shared before a final decision is made regarding the public parking lot.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

## Madisonville Parking Study Request

Kerry Devery, President Madisonville Community Council

#### What concerns exist and why?

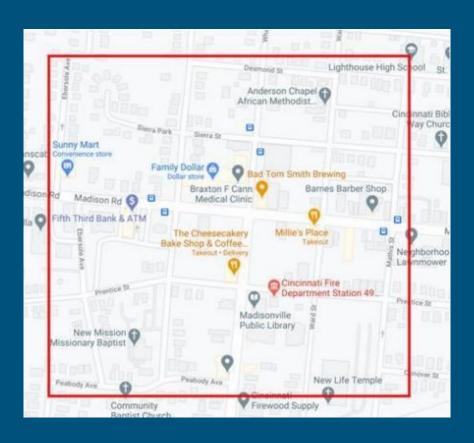
- Concerned stakeholders
  - Local businesses
  - Local residents
  - Local workers
- Low parking ratio in development
  - As intended
  - Form Based Code adopted 2013
  - Parcels purchased by city
- Changes in development plan
  - Public parking numbers and availability

#### What service does the community need?

- Neutral third party
- Collect inventory and occupancy data
  - Public and private
  - On and off street
- Anticipate future demand
- Open comment period
- Recommend strategies

#### Timeline of requests

- February 2020
  - Madisonville Community Council ask for delay of Phase 3
  - Madisonville Business Chamber request for parking study
  - Address parking concerns
- August 2020
  - City Council motion asking for parking study
- January 2021
  - DOTE parking analysis
- April 2021
  - Walker Consultants quote to DCED
- November 2021
  - MCC General Body vote



Limits of Madisonville study (April 2021 quote)

## Questions?