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**STATEMENT, (JOINT EMERGENCY ORDER)** , submitted by Mayor John Cranley, City Manager Paula Boggs Muething, and Commissioner Melba Moore, Pursuant to Article III of the Cincinnati Charter, Article XVIII of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati, and Ohio Department of Health Orders, I hereby order that public meetings of the City of Cincinnati shall be suspended until Monday, December 14, 2020 to prevent non-essential gatherings of the public and City employees. The region is experiencing unprecedented intensification of the COVID-19 pandemic and decisive action is needed to reverse the course and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to the City's vulnerable populations. Under this Order, the Mayor or City Manager may grant meeting exceptions as necessary and on such conditions that the City Manager may establish to protect the general public and the health of City employees. The Administration is authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to implement this order, including by relaxing applicable codes, rules, and regulations as necessary to provide for safe alternatives to in-person meetings while this order is effective. In addition, the Administration shall have authority to toll time limits imposed by rule or regulation for any matters delayed or rescheduled as a result of this Order. The Administration shall implement this Order consistently with applicable Open Meetings requirements and take steps to ensure that City business may proceed with participation by members of the public and without undue delay or interruption. This Order is based upon the existence of a condition of public danger or emergency, as established by the Mayor's November 16, 2020 Declaration of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic. This Order expires at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, December 13.

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