

# City of Cincinnati



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## MOTION

**WE MOVE** that the lobbyist for the City of Cincinnati provide a procedural framework for City Council and the Property Tax Project working group to amend Ohio state laws governing property taxes to ensure that property owners, specifically legacy residents and senior citizens on fixed incomes, who reside in developing neighborhoods and whose property taxes are increasing as a result have a greater opportunity to remain in their homes.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that a working group be created to study trends related to property taxes, especially the issue of rising property taxes in areas experiencing significant levels of development; to make recommendations to City Council aimed at helping to keep senior citizens in their homes and communities; and to report on best practices in other cities and states facing similar challenges.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the working group include members from: the African-American Chamber of Commerce; the Board of Realtors; the Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United; the Community Action Agency; the Community Development Corporations Association of Greater Cincinnati; the Council on Aging; the Baptist Ministers Conference; the Hamilton County Auditor/representative; the Homebuilders Association; Invest in Neighborhoods; representatives of Allied Construction Industries; the United Way; the University of Cincinnati's Real Estate Program and the DAAP School of Planning; and the Urban League.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the working group review the City's Tax Abatement Program.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that the Planning Department lead this working group.

Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman

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## COMMITTEES

**Chair:** Law & Public Safety • **Committees:** Budget & Finance • Economic Growth & Zoning • Neighborhoods

## **STATEMENT**

Recognizing we are appreciative of development and redevelopment in the City of Cincinnati and we applaud these efforts. However, because the City is growing, we anticipate that seniors in all 52 neighborhoods might be negatively impacted by rising property values in the future. See attached