

1. PUBLIC SAFETY: How will you address the opiate addiction epidemic?

As a City, we must take a tough love approach to dealing with the heroin crisis. We have worked together with the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force to increase funding for prevention and treatment, including Quick Response Teams that work with people who have overdosed to get them into treatment. However, we must look for ways to require treatment, especially for those who continue to use after multiple overdoses. Not only are they putting the largest burden on our first responders, but they desperately need help. We have also worked with the state, ATF, US Attorney General, and surrounding jurisdictions to increase law enforcement focus on drug trafficking and getting heroin and other dangerous synthetic opioids off the streets. Ultimately, we must also focus on the root cause, which is why I have worked with the Ohio Mayors Alliance and the State of Ohio to address the over prescription of opioids.

This summer, we also filed a lawsuit to hold accountable the companies responsible for dumping millions of dollars' worth of prescription opiates into our community. With combined annual revenues of \$400 billion, together they control more than 80 percent of the market for prescription opioids. These companies have already admitted guilt to purposely marketing drugs that they knew to be addictive, and have paid hundreds of millions of dollars in fines, but we have not been reimbursed for the NARCAN, the beds, the time we have all put into this. We deserve to be reimbursed from these companies for the high cost of the NARCAN, emergency service runs, and treatment programs, even though that will never scratch the surface of the value of lost lives.

2. NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION: How will your administration help community councils hold property owners accountable for blight?

One of my earliest policy proposals this term was to create the ability for the private individuals to abate nuisance properties and charge the cost of that abatement back to the landowner. Previously, only city personnel and contractors were allowed to directly abate many of these nuisance activities such as overgrown grass and chronic litter. Additionally, we implemented code changes that allow for multiple citations when owners do not correct the violations, which give the community councils and the city greater leverage to ensure compliance.

For more comprehensive solutions, I have consistently advocated for the creation of a permanent housing court. The greatest benefit of a housing court is that one judge would hear all of these cases and be able to differentiate between repeat scofflaws and a citizen who has slipped just once. Another benefit is that community councils can build a rapport with the housing court judge to ensure their concerns are addressed.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EQUITY: How will you invest in neighborhood business districts in a way that bridges the developing equity gap?

Business districts are vital to neighborhood revitalization. Almost none can compete in today's market without help from the city. I have and will look for public-private partnerships to help community supported financially sound deals. Business districts like College Hill, Madisonville, Walnut Hills, Roselawn, and Westwood to name a few have built public private partnerships to help create a market where there wouldn't otherwise be one. I have experienced this first-hand while working to revitalize the Historic Incline District of Price Hill. We will always prioritize helping this type of development in our neighborhoods.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EQUITY: What will you do to ensure there is adequate supply of affordable housing in Cincinnati?

Just a few weeks ago, I worked with Councilmembers Flynn, Mann, and Sittenfeld to introduce a whole new neighborhood fund with the authorization of the CRA legislation that will allow neighborhoods to invest new dollars earned in their neighborhood, back in their neighborhood on community priorities. Once the program is established, it will return several hundreds of thousands, and in the long-term, millions, of dollars for further neighborhood development and affordable housing.

This program (VTICA) will increase our commitment to affordable housing and will allow us to begin remedying the lack of supply, which the Community Building Institute recently identified as a 40,000-unit deficit in Hamilton County.

5. GOVERNANCE, REGULATION & INCLUSION: What will you do to increase and provide stability to Neighborhood Support Program funding stream?

I'm proud to say that NSP funding has increased from \$2,500 per year in 2013 to \$6,800 per year in my most recently passed budget. I believe that neighborhoods are the city's backbone and I will continue providing the resource they need.

6. GOVERNANCE, REGULATION & INCLUSION: How will you help community councils gain more influence in development decisions?

Community councils are the most effective way for our neighborhoods to communicate their vision for development. I always encourage developers to meet with community council at the conception of their project and throughout the development process to educate the neighborhood about their development, understand community concerns and needs, and create their project in a way that is to the utmost benefit of the neighborhood and the City.

7. GOVERNANCE, REGULATION & INCLUSION: What will you do to create a culture at City Hall that promotes civic engagement, and is responsive to neighborhood plans and citizen concerns?

My door is always open to constituents and community councils so together we can tackle the issues faced by our neighborhoods. I regularly attend community council meetings in neighborhoods across the City to not only listen to concerns but to help find solutions. My office has a full-time constituent liaison that works with community members each and every day to solve problems, answer questions and connect them with City departments.

8. TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: What is your plan for improving frequency and reliability of our bus system?

Creating robust, viable public transit for the 21st century in Cincinnati is a challenge that I plan to take head on. We need a better public transportation system that prioritizes getting more people to and from their jobs and I believe we have a duty to help as many people as possible with the amount of public funding that is available. That is why I have presented a plan to increase funding for bus service by 50% while simultaneously working in collaboration with others to maximize bus routes and integrate them with the streetcar and rideshare services.

9. TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: What will you do to improve multi-modal infrastructure that includes pedestrian and cyclist safety?

To support increased pedestrian safety this year's budget included half a million dollars for improvement to crosswalks, signage and narrow some lanes. I have consistently been an advocate for off-street bike paths that connect our neighborhoods. The first phase of Wasson Way will be completed this June and after that will continue on to Evanston. When complete it will run from Victory Parkway to the Little Miami Bike Trail in Newtown. It will give 100,000 people, living within one mile of the trail, access to a network of over 100 miles of bike and pedestrian trails. Walking and bike trails improve the quality of life and increase surrounding home values.

Further, our administration is preparing to announce an RFP for development of an app that would integrate various transportation options such as bus, street car, ride share, parking for motor vehicles and bike share.

10. TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE: How will you champion environmental sustainability?

Cities will have to step up immediately on environmental issues if we want to make an impact on climate change. As President Trump and Congress ignore the Paris Accords and the real threat to climate change, the burden now falls on cities. I have signed the pledge to commit the City of Cincinnati to use 100% renewable energy by 2035 and I fully intend to take action to get us as close to that goal as possible by the time I leave office. In fact, I have already announced a plan to add solar panels at Lunken Airport, water works, and other city-owned facilities in order to provide 25 megawatts of renewable energy. This is a \$50 million project that will be largest onsite municipal solar project in America. The 25-megawatt solar arrays will produce approximately 33 million kilowatt hours, enough electricity to power 3,400 homes. This will reduce the City's carbon emissions by 25,000 tons annually, which is the equivalent of removing 5,000 cars from the road, planting 600,000 trees or keeping 24 million pounds of coal in the ground per year. And it will save ratepayer dollars.

We are also leading the effort to update the Green Cincinnati Plan to establish goals and strategies to significantly reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions and improve our local economy, public health, and quality of life through sustainability efforts.