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Youth in City Government 2008
Agenda

February 5, 2008

- 8:30 Registration
- 8:45 Breakfast with spoken word (room 231-233)
- 9:00 Youth Council Introductions, slide show (room 231-233)
- 9:20 Devotion Heather Couch, Youth Council Member
- 9:30 Welcome Sandy Berlin Walker, CEO YMCA of Greater Cincinnati (room 231-233)
- 9:45 Commissioner David Pepper (Room 231-233)
- 10-10:30 The Honorable Mayor Mark Mallory (room 231-233)
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45-11:45 Ice Breakers within color groups
Cheetahs Room 234
Pandas Room 235
Sea Turtles Room 237
Polar Bears Room 238
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Breakout Sessions (Rotating 30 minutes)
Ordinance Writing - Room 237
Pandas 1:15-1:45
Polar Bears 1:45-2:15
Campaigning - Room 238
Polar Bears 1:15-1:45
Pandas 1:45-2:15

Biased school experience (Turtles, Cheetahs) – Room 236
- 2:15 Breakout Sessions (Rotating 30 minutes)
Ordinance Writing - Room 237
Turtles 2:15-2:45
Cheetahs 2:45- 3:15
Campaigning - Room 238
Cheetahs 2:15-2:45
Turtles 2:45-3:15

Biased school experience (Pandas, Polar Bears) – Room 236
- 3:15 closing session (room 232-233)

Youth in City Government 2008
Agenda

February 12, 2008

- 8:30 Breakfast/ Campaigning time (Room 231-233)
- 8:50 Devotion
- 9:00 Global Center Panel (Room 232-233)
- 10:00 City Issues Panel (Room 232-233)
- 11:00 Candidate Speeches/Voting (Room 232-233)
- 12:15 lunch (Room 231-233)
- 1:00 Breakout Sessions A
CONA (Conference on National Affairs) Room 237
Pandas 1:00-1:30
Polar Bears 1:30-2:00
GYSD (Global Youth Service Day) Room 236
Polar Bears 1:00-1:30
Pandas 1:30-2:00
- Ordinance Debates
Turtles Room 234
Cheetahs Room 235
- 2:00 Breakout Sessions B
CONA (Conference on National Affairs) Room 237
Turtles 2:00-2:30
Cheetahs 2:30-3:00
GYSD (Global Youth Service Day) Room 236
Cheetahs 2:00-2:30
Turtles 2:30-3:00
- Ordinance Debates
Pandas Room 234
Polar Bears Room 235
- 3:00 Closing Session (Room 232-233)

Youth in City Government 2008
Agenda

February 13, 2008

- 8:30 Meet at City Hall
- 8:45 Announce new Council members
- 8:50 Announce ordinances that passed in breakout sessions
Debate ordinances
- 10:45 Leave for Cincinnati Club
- 11:00 Civic Engagement Luncheon
- 12:45 Return to City Hall
- 1:00 Swearing in ceremony with City Solicitor
- 1:30 Community forum
- 2:00 City council meeting

Dismissal will be after city council meeting

Biographies

Mayor Mark Mallory

Mark Mallory was sworn in as the 68th Mayor of the City of Cincinnati on December 1, 2005. Mayor Mallory's election marks the first time in over 70 years that Cincinnati has elected a Mayor who was not previously a member of City Council. Mallory is also the first directly elected African American Mayor in Cincinnati's history. The Mayor took office focused on changing the way that business is done at City Hall to make it more accessible and citizen-friendly.

Mayor Mallory is a life-long Cincinnati, born and raised in the West End. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati Academy of Math and Science and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Administrative Management from the University of Cincinnati. The Mallory family, led by Mayor Mallory's mother, and his father, former Ohio House Majority Leader William L. Mallory, Sr., along with the Mayor's brothers and sister, are dedicated to public and community service. In 1995, the Mallory family was honored as the Black Family Reunion's "Family of the Year."

Before being elected Mayor, Mallory served in the Ohio General Assembly for nearly eleven years. In 1994, he was elected to his first of two terms in the Ohio House, replacing his father who retired after three decades in the legislature. In 1998, Mark Mallory defeated an incumbent Senator to be elected to the Ohio Senate. Mallory served in leadership for most of his tenure in the legislature and rose to the position of Assistant Minority Leader of the Senate.

In the Ohio Legislature, Mallory developed a reputation as a leader able to build consensus and work across party lines to achieve results. Mallory was so successful at building relationships that he was able to pass more legislation than any other member of the minority party during his tenure. In 2003, Mallory achieved his greatest legislative accomplishment by passing a resolution in the Ohio General Assembly that finally ratified the 14th Amendment, 135 years after it became part of the U.S. Constitution. In the Senate, Mallory was also a leading advocate for prison reform issues, chairing the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee, which provided oversight of Ohio prisons. For five years, he was the only member of the minority party to chair a legislative committee.

As Mayor, Mallory is using his skills at relationship building to create a collaborative spirit at City Hall that brings people together across party lines to address the needs of the city. Mallory's reforms have led to more orderly and efficient City Council Meetings. In his first term, the Mayor's priorities include enhancing public safety, encouraging strong economic development, improving public transportation, strengthening neighborhoods, and protecting the environment.

In his first two weeks in office, Mallory fulfilled his promise to work across party lines by passing a budget with support of all three Cincinnati political parties. The budget puts more police officers on the streets, supports a new firefighter recruit class, funds local Arts, and invests in neighborhood improvements; all while cutting property taxes. Through the budget process, the Mayor was praised for the unprecedented level of teamwork with City Council in developing a budget that for the first time in recent memory did not require extensive debate and modification.

Mayor Mallory also serves his community outside City Hall on the boards of several community organizations. Since entering public service, Mallory has received numerous "Legislator of the Year" awards and "Public Service" awards for his commitment to serving the people of Ohio.

Commissioner David Pepper

Born and raised in Greater Cincinnati (in the City of Cincinnati as a child, and Northern Hamilton County as a teenager), David was elected to **Cincinnati City Council** in his first political race in November 2001. As a non-incumbent in that election, David finished first out of 26 candidates. He finished in first place once again in November 2003. In 2005, David won the seven-candidate primary for Mayor of Cincinnati, and was a narrow runner-up in the run-off to Mark Mallory.

On Council, David served as the **Chairman of Council's Law and Public Safety Committee**, working hand-in-hand with the City Police and Fire Departments and pushing forward new initiatives to help Council refocus on critical crime and safety issues, along with quality of life issues in neighborhoods. David also served as **Chairman of the Rules Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Neighborhoods Committee**. In his four years, David authored and supported numerous laws and initiatives on economic growth, neighborhood investment, housing, environment, youth, open government, police-community relations, and other key challenges facing the city. He won numerous awards for his work.

Since 2000, David has also served as an associate in the Cincinnati office of the law firm of **Squire Sanders & Dempsey**, where he concentrates his practice on appellate litigation. From 1999-2000, he clerked for **Judge Nathaniel Jones on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit** in Cincinnati.

From 1993 to 1996, David worked at the **Center for Strategic and International Studies** in Washington, D.C., as an aide to former National Security Adviser Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski and later in St. Petersburg, Russia, working with Russian and American business leaders to stimulate investment and economic growth in the City.

David graduated from **Cincinnati Country Day** in 1989 and earned his B. A. magna cum laude from **Yale University** in 1993, where he was Phi Beta Kappa and served as Managing Editor of the Yale Daily News. David earned his J.D. from **Yale Law School** in 1999, where he won several school-wide awards for his written work and was a published author three times.

In the fall of 2006, David defeated incumbent Phil Heimlich for the office of Hamilton County Commissioner and was subsequently appointed Vice President of the Commission. David is a **fifth-generation Cincinnati**, coming from a family with a long tradition of public service to the community and with roots throughout the region.

Sandy Berlin Walker – President, YMCA of Greater Cincinnati

Sandy Berlin Walker began her YMCA career leading youth outreach and teen adventure programs for junior high students in Prince George's County, Maryland. Sandy held a variety of positions with both the Philadelphia Family of YMCA's and the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. before joining the YMCA of Greater Boston as the Chief Operating Officer in 1993. Sandy was appointed President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati in June 2005.

Sandy provides leadership for the national YMCA movement by serving on the Planning Committee of the North American Urban Group of YMCAs – a group of the thirty largest YMCAs in the US, Canada and Mexico. She also serves on the Y–USA Diversity Committee and the YMCA National Advisory Planning Council. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Gettysburg College and attended the University of Maryland's Graduate Studies program in Counseling and Personnel Services. She is an active member of the Lutheran Church and Outdoor Ministries. Sandy sees the Ohio River as a connector rather than a divider. She is focused on engaging more individuals and families in the YMCA and is committed to having the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati be the Partner of Choice for All to Achieve Abundantly Healthy Lives.

Sgt. William Bell – Cincinnati Police Department

Sergeant William Bell has been with the Cincinnati Police Department for 17 years. In 2003 he was assigned to the Youth Services Unit as the Sergeant of the Drug Abuse Education Program (DARE) and the Cincinnati Police Activities League (CPAL). He received his Associate Degree from Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, and has a Bachelor Degree from the University of Cincinnati.

C. Jude Johnson – Parks Department

Jude Johnson is a Cincinnati native and a graduate of Miami University (Oxford Ohio), where he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Education. He began his career teaching with Cincinnati Public Schools before transitioning to the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center and Jobs for Cincinnati Graduates. He has been employed with the City of Cincinnati for the past eight years - five years in Human Resources and the last three with the Cincinnati Park Board.

At the Cincinnati Park Board, Jude is part of a team that helps manage over 5,000 acres of the city's public green space, which includes the administration of over 150 parcels of land in and outside the City of Cincinnati and infrastructure management of:

- 121 facilities and structures
- 52 play areas
- 60 miles of public trails
- 80,000 street trees in the public right of way
- Environmental science education
- The Krohn Conservatory
- Management of over 100 pieces of public art in the parks and
- Park programming

Jude works in the Park Board's Business Services section and manages customer service process, monitors contracts with outside vendors, and oversees the Park Board's CLASS Reservations system which generates approximately \$100,000 a year through picnic shelter reservations, special use permit fees, and rentals of premier facilities.

Jude is also a Class Ten Alumni of the Urban League's African American Leadership Development Program and Vice President of the New Orphan Asylum Scholarship Foundation.

Melanie Bates – Cincinnati Board of Education

Melanie Bates is a member of the Cincinnati Board of Education and is beginning her seventh year of service in that office. Prior to the Board of Education, Ms. Bates served for seven years as an elected member of the State Board of Education.

Ms. Bates received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Xavier University and her Master in Public Administration from Northern Kentucky University. She is a nonprofit professional and is employed by LifeCenter Organ Donor Network, the local organ and tissue recovery agency.

She has three children; her daughter is a first grade teacher in the Oak Hills School District and her two sons are attending college, one at Xavier University and the other at The Ohio State University. Her children all are graduates of Walnut Hills High School.

Ms. Bates is an activist whose passion is the prevention of violent crime. In August 2006 her husband was murdered at their home during a robbery. Since then she has assumed leadership in crime prevention efforts, including the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) and the citizen-based Landlord Accountability Initiative.

Timothy H. Riordan

- Mayor's Appointee to Banks Working Group for development of the Cincinnati Riverfront.
- Deputy City Manager, Finance Director, Cincinnati, Ohio (retired), Projects included the Convention Center renovation, Gateway (Kroger) Garage & the plan to abate new housing construction in Cincinnati.
- Dayton International Airport Deputy Director. Recruited AirTran.
- Finance Director & OMB Director, Dayton, Ohio, many years
- Acting City Manager stints in both Cincinnati and Dayton
- Owner, Numbers & Money LLC, demographic & financial consulting
- President - Govt Finance Officers Assn-USA & Canada – 1995
- Read the biographies of the Presidents in chronological order
- 3 month sabbatical to Russia (1992) to provide financial advice (mostly unheeded)
- Public Productivity Award: "Management by Unreasonable Objectives"
- Champion free-throw shooter; capable juggler
- Co-Promoter of the Rivertown Breakdown, an Americana music festival featuring 15 music genres & benefiting the cleanup of the Ohio River.
- Married with 3 kids, lots of grandkids & more on the way.
- 8 yr. downtown liver who recently moved to Mt. Adams – confirmed renter.
- Grew up in Waukesha, Wisconsin.
- MPA & BA - University of Dayton, Ohio.
- High School Teacher, 4 years

2007 Youth in City Government Youth Council

Alexandria Barnes – Mayor

Hi, I'm Alex Barnes and I'm a senior at The Summit Country Day School. Where I am a member of Cross Country, Student Senate, and Diversity and Inclusion team. Outside of school I am a member of RAISE, Circles of Diversity, and New Prospect Baptist Church's GRYP youth ministries. This is my third year attending Youth And City Government. I encourage you all to fully engage yourselves in all that Youth And City Government has to offer. These past three years I have had many opportunities to make positive changes like lobbying on Capital Hill to increase funding for our local YMCAs. Next year I plan on attending Howard University and majoring in political science because of my experiences with Youth And City Government.

Ariel Dean – Vice Mayor

Hey everyone. My name is Ariel Dean and I go to S.C.P.A and major in Vocal music. I LOVE being on youth council it's a lot of fun and very educational. I am also on the Community Services YMCA Branch Board of Directors where I serve as the youth chair member.

Outside of council I am a normal chick who likes to have fun, hang with friends, volunteer at various YMCA events, and spend time with my family.

Channel Laney – Council Member

Hello my name is Channel. I am a senior at Hughes Center, Paideia Program. After I graduate I plan on attending college and majoring in fashion design. I have enjoyed being on youth council and having the chance to go to CONA and be involved with the state youth and government program.

Heather Couch – Council Member

My name is Heather Couch; I am a junior at Aldersgate Christian Academy. I have been involved in Youth in City Government for the past year. I am active in a lot of school functions; including my favorite activity music. I play piano and flute in the High School and College Band. Last year I was on many of our schools clubs including: government, school paper, band, choir, and honor club. I hope to become more than a person who has done numerous volunteer activities, but a person who has made a difference.

Hannah Fischnesser – Council Member

Hello my name is Hannah Fischnesser I am currently a junior at Mother of Mercy High school in Westwood. I am involved in drama at school and mercy ambassadors. This is my second year to attend the conference. This will be a great conference!

Katie Caldwell – Council Member

Hello I'm Katie Caldwell! I am a junior at Mother of Mercy High School. I love art and want to go OSU or DAAP for architecture and interior design. I also am planning on joining the Air Force. I play soccer and softball and I snowboard and wakeboard. I have two jobs; I work for Scarlet & Grey Cleaning Services and Perfect North tubing. I love politics, my dad was the one who got me involved. I like Youth and City government because it gives you a chance to see how a city council works. C.O.N.A was the best experience of my life. I loved it because the intensity of the debates, how seriously people took it, how much work is put into it, and all friends I made. I left with many friends and can't wait to hopefully go back again and create a better proposal. I am involved with student council, life club, drama/thespians and GAA at my school. I am a very busy teenager but always make time for fun.

Jermaine Richardson – Council Member

I'm Jermaine, a senior at Hughes Center, Paideia Program. I enjoy cooking, lifting weights and traveling. Youth in City Government has given me an opportunity to travel and meet a lot of people from around the country. I plan on attending college after graduation and majoring in psychology or culinary arts.

Theo Kellam – Council Member

I'm Theo Kellam a senior at Hughes Center. I like to draw and fix computers. I will go on to college to be an IT professional.

Vannessa Wilson – Council Member

Hello my name is Vannessa. I'm a 17-year-old senior at Hughes Center, in the Paideia program. I enjoy being a part of Youth in City Government for many reasons. Youth in City Government is full of memorable experiences. I have met wonderful people who are very outspoken. However, the number one reason I enjoy being involved with Youth in City Government is due to the fact you are able to speak your mind and express your opinions (which is something I enjoy and is very good at).

Tyra Hills – Council Member

Hi, I'm Tyra Hills and I'm a Hughes Center Student. I like swimming, looking out for others, cooking and doing hair. I plan to attend Northern Kentucky University, the University of Cincinnati, or Cincinnati State Technical College. This was a great experience and I would definitely recommend it to others my age and even younger students. I hope you enjoy the experience as much as possible.

Duties of Mayor, Council, and School Ambassador

Youth Mayor:

- Spearhead Conference planning
- Civic Responsibility Education
- Chief Election Officer
- Chief Ambassador of Youth
- Set agenda for meetings
- Appoint Committee Chairs
- Create and sustain relationships with community leaders
- Advocate for youth
- Oversee and hold accountable Council, Community Councils, and Ambassadors
- Identify pressing issues
- Help train candidate
- General Assembly President
- Elected Official

Youth Council:

- Lead youth initiatives
- Hold Mayor and community councils accountable
- Administer Youth Vision Council Newsletter
- Investigate and suggests resolutions to citywide youth issues
- Help train candidates
- Inform Cincinnati teens of Council happenings
- General Assembly Officers
- Elected Official
- Help plan conference

School Ambassador:

- Distribute current info to students
- Stay informed on resources useful to youth
- Election officers
- General Assembly Member
- Elected Official

Service Projects

Global Youth Service Day 2008
April 25-27

Get involved with a project of your choice in Cincinnati during the month of April.

Pleasant Ridge Montessori:

Friday, April 25th assisting library staff in placing library cards and envelopes in books for students to check out.

Location: 4324 Homer Ave Cincinnati, OH 45227

Time: 3:30 – 5:30

Contact: Jlavelle@cincinnatiymca.org

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful:

Saturday, April 26th – Great American Clean Up

Locations around the city

Contact: Shirley Phillips 513.352.4385, Shirley.Phillips@cincinnati-oh.gov

March of Dimes: March for Babies

Formerly known as WalkAmerica, March for Babies is the March of Dimes premier fundraising event that benefits all babies—those born healthy as well as those who need help to survive and thrive. The March of Dimes is also proud to show off our new purple logo and “re-branding” initiative, featuring an event change to March for Babies. While the mission of the March of Dimes remains the same, we want everyone to know our work benefits all babies.

Sunday, April 27th

Location: Sawyer Point

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Contact: Kara Kasee 513.769.3588, KKasee@marchofdimes.com

Art Supplies for International Program:

- sketch pad
- 48 pack Crayola Crayons
- Markers
- 5 gluesticks
- 4 glitter glue tubes
- Pair of Kid scissors
- Bottle of Elmer's glue
- Packet of multi-color construction paper
- 5 pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Model magic single packs
- Grab bag stuffed with feathers, sequins, wire, pipe cleaners, google eyes, foam stickers, buttons, beads, scrap papers

Food Drive Free Store Food Bank

- canned meat products (tuna, chicken, ham, spaghetti with meatballs, chili with meat and beans, beef stew, beans and wieners, etc.)
- peanut butter,
- canned vegetables
- canned fruits.

Other non-perishable items needed include:

- canned soups,
- macaroni and cheese
- personal care items (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/brush, feminine hygiene products, disposable diapers).

Grade____
 School_____
 Age____
 How many times have you attended
 the Conference_____

**2008 Youth in City Government Evaluation
 February 5, 2008**

Was finding transportation easy? Yes No

Did you enjoy the continental breakfast? Yes No

Did you enjoy the lunch? Yes No

On a scale from 1 – 5 with 5 being the highest please circle the appropriate number for the questions below.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
	1	2	3	4	5
How was the registration process?				1 2 3 4 5	
Did you enjoy the opening session and speakers?				1 2 3 4 5	
How was the time in your groups doing icebreakers?				1 2 3 4 5	
Did you enjoy the ordinance workshop?				1 2 3 4 5	
Did you enjoy the campaign workshop?				1 2 3 4 5	
Did you enjoy the Biased School exercise?				1 2 3 4 5	

What did you like best about today?

What did you enjoy the least about today?

Additional Comments:

Grade____ School_____ Age____ How many times have you attended the Conference____

**2008 Youth in City Government Evaluation
February 12, 2008**

Was finding transportation easy? Yes No
Did you enjoy the continental breakfast? Yes No
Did you enjoy the lunch? Yes No

On a scale from 1 – 5 with 5 being the highest please circle the appropriate number for the questions below.

	Poor 1	Fair 2	Good 3	Very Good 4	Excellent 5
Did you enjoy the Global Cincinnati Presentation?	1	2	3	4	5
Did you enjoy the City Issues Panel?	1	2	3	4	5
How were the candidate speeches?	1	2	3	4	5
How do you think the voting process went?	1	2	3	4	5
Did you enjoy the CONA workshop?	1	2	3	4	5
Did you enjoy the Global Youth Service Day Panel?	1	2	3	4	5
Did you enjoy the Ordinance debate?	1	2	3	4	5

What did you like best about today?

What did you enjoy the least about today?

Additional Comments:

Grade	_____
School	_____
Age	_____

**2008 Youth in City Government Evaluation
February 13, 2008**

Was finding transportation to City Hall easy? Yes No

Did you enjoy the lunch at Cincinnati Club? Yes No

Were you able to meet a member of City Council? Yes No

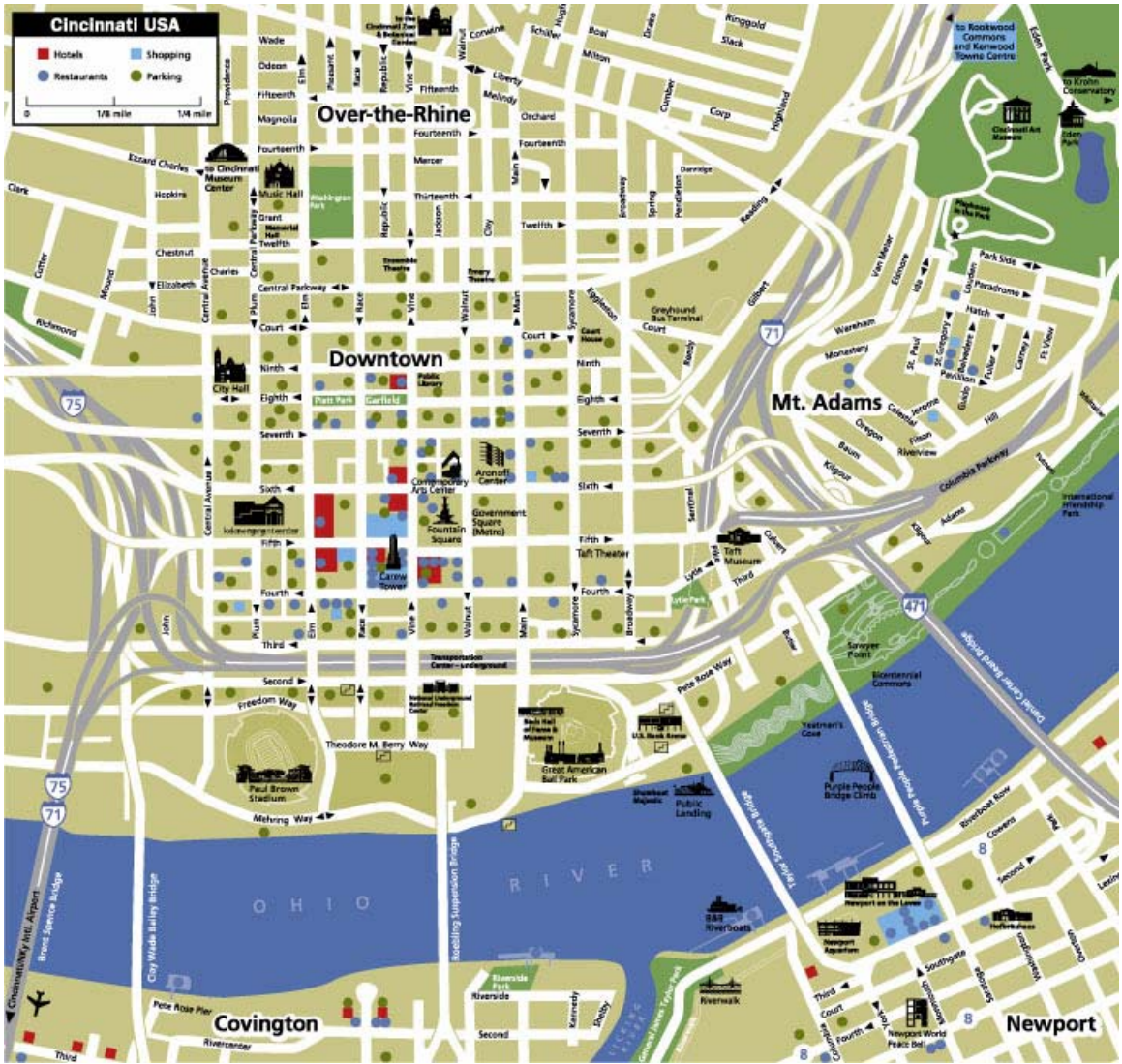
On a scale from 1 – 5 with 5 being the highest please circle the appropriate number for the questions below.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
	1	2	3	4	5
How was the Keynote speaker at lunch?					
How were the candidate speeches?					
Did you enjoy being at City Hall?					

What did you like best about today?

What did you enjoy the least about today?

Additional Comments:





Acknowledgements

The 2008 Youth in City Government Youth Mayor and Youth Council appreciate everyone who helped make this years conference possible.

Our Teachers

Mayor Mark Mallory

Office of the Mayor

Hamilton County Commissioner David Pepper

Mac Productions

Duke Energy Center

Ovations Catering

The Cincinnati Club

The City of Cincinnati Parks Department

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

CPS Board of Education

Cincinnati Police Department

YMCA of Greater Cincinnati Staff and Volunteers

NOTES

**YMCA of Greater Cincinnati
Youth in City Government Ordinance**

	Official Use Only		
Sub-Color Group:	___ Pass ___ Fail	Rank #	___
Full YICG Council:	___ Pass ___ Fail		

Author's Name & School: Natalie Eaton, Aiken University High School

Co-Author's Name & School: Adrian Thompson, Shawana Pettus, Dominick Payne; Aiken University High School

Title: Green Space for Cincinnati

WHEREAS, there is decreasing green space in the city of Cincinnati.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Youth in City Government, City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

- 1. Section 1.**
2. The city of Cincinnati will limit the amount of land that can be used for urbanization.
- 3. Section 2**
4. The city will prohibit building in designated areas within the city.
5. Tax incentives will be provided to businesses that preserve existing green space.
6. Factory emissions will be limited per designated period of time.
7. Monthly updates from the Office of Environmental Quality will be provided to city
8. Council. A youth council with representatives from various neighborhoods will be
9. developed to work with the OEQ and City Council on neighborhood revitalization
10. and the creation of green space in Cincinnati communities.
- 11. Section 3**
12. Designated green space area will begin in College Hill, Avondale, Winton Place
13. and Washington Park.
- 14. Section 4**
15. By the end of 2008 urbanization limits will be in place. Each year green space will
16. increase 5% by the summer of the following year. First measurement will take
17. place in August of 2009. By the end of 2009 a set amount of factory emissions will be
18. established.

Youth Mayor

Date

**YMCA of Greater Cincinnati
Youth in City Government Ordinance**

	Official Use Only		
Sub-Color Group:	___ Pass ___ Fail	Rank #	___
Full YICG Council:	___ Pass ___ Fail		

Author's Name & School: Rameka Nelson, Aiken University High School

Co-Author's Name & School: Levonne Bolton, Terrance Daniels; Aiken University High School

Title: Crime

WHEREAS, Crime rates continue to be a problem in Cincinnati, and youth violence continues to be a contributing factor in gang violence.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Youth in City Government, City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

1. Section 1

2. The city of Cincinnati will redistribute police based on areas of high crime rates,
3. reinstate an undercover gang unit and create a criteria for police presence.

4. Section 2

5. Cincinnati policeman will be redistributed based on areas of high crime rates. Criteria
6. will be created based on social and economic standards and the severity of the crime
7. to determine where police placement.
8. Gang awareness seminars will be held at schools and community centers.

9. Section 3

10. The city of Cincinnati will create a committee to reinforce the decisions made to
11. increase police protection with a sub-committee which will focus on the reinstatement
12. of the gang unit. Money for the reinstatement of the gang unit will come from
13. confiscated drugs, cars and money. Quarterly progress reports will be provided in
14. order to keep up with the progress of the gang unit.
15. A youth council will also be implemented to work with the drug and gang awareness
16. programs.

17. Section 4

18. Criteria for police redistribution will be established within 6 months. In the next year
19. police officers will be redistributed based on criteria. The gang unit will be created
20. by 2009.
21. In 5 years the City of Cincinnati should see a 50% decrease in crime.

Youth Mayor

Date

**YMCA of Greater Cincinnati
Youth in City Government Ordinance**

	Official Use Only		
Sub-Color Group:	___ Pass ___ Fail	Rank # ___	
Full YICG Council:	___ Pass ___ Fail		

Author's Name & School: Kaitlin Elliott, Mother of Mercy High School

Title: Domestic Violence

WHEREAS, The City of Cincinnati has a high rate of domestic violence which continues to increase.

WHEREAS, We recognize domestic violence in families to be a psychologically repetitive pattern that the city must intervene upon in order to uphold peaceful domestic behavior.

WHEREAS, We believe domestic violence to be a producer of other violent crimes committed within the City of Cincinnati.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Youth in City Government, City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

1. **Section 1.**
2. The City of Cincinnati will establish a more standard procedure in handling cases of domestic
3. violence in which first offenses will be managed with more severity. All first offense cases
4. will require a citation for court to be issued by the law enforcement officer present.
5. **Section 2.**
6. In all first offense cases, between a parent/guardian and a child, the parent/guardian will be
7. referred to parental counseling by the court and the offender (in most situations being the
8. parent/guardian) will be referred to anger management therapy at least twice monthly for an
9. amount of time determined by the court.
10. **Section 3.**
11. In all first offense cases, between a non-guardian adult and a child, the parent/guardian
12. responsible for the child will be referred to parental counseling and the offender (if being the
13. adult) will be given a court-ordered referral to anger management therapy at least twice
14. monthly for an amount of time determined by the court
15. **Section 4**
16. In all first offense cases between two adult living partners, the offended will be given a court-
17. ordered referral to therapy and the offender will be given a court-ordered referral to anger
18. management therapy at least twice monthly for an amount of time determined by the court.

Youth Mayor

Date

**YMCA of Greater Cincinnati
Youth in City Government Ordinance**

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Full YICG Council:	___ Pass ___ Fail		

Author's Name & School **Ellen Schoenfeld, Mother of Mercy High School**
Title: Elementary School Lunches

WHEREAS, Childhood obesity has been readily increasing in Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Dietary changes in elementary school cafeterias must take place if children are to become healthy students.

WHEREAS, We recognize that Cincinnati Public Schools have nutrition standards that they must meet for elementary school lunches, and that strengthened standards will further the health of elementary schoolchildren because it has been proven that diets that include high levels of meat and dairy deficient in vegetables, grains, fruits, and legumes are unhealthy.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Youth in City Government, City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio

1. Section 1

2. The city of Cincinnati will strengthen the standards of nutrition in elementary
3. school lunches, with the focus on less meat and more plant-based foods.

4. Section 2

5. The Wellness Policy for Cincinnati Public Schools will be enlarged in order for
6. more employees to research true excellent nutrition, create balanced, nutritious
7. menus for the schools based on the research, evaluate schools and how the menus
8. are affecting the students, and enforce that schools are offering options for dietary
9. needs of the understanding of the factors that cause heart disease, diabetes, and
10. certain cancers. Employees must be educated on these factors and a major in Dietetics
11. would be necessary for those who create the school menus and evaluate the
12. schools and the effects of the menus. The Wellness Policy for Cincinnati Public
13. Schools will monitor health classes, enforcing that children are educated about
14. nutrition inside and outside of the cafeteria. The Wellness Policy for Cincinnati
15. Public Schools will monitor "health" posters in cafeterias, evaluating that the
16. individuals and meeting all of the standards of the Wellness Policy for
17. Cincinnati Public Schools.

18. Section 3

19. The Wellness Policy for Cincinnati Public Schools will change the standards with
20. information presented meets their standards.

21. Section 4

22. The Wellness Policy for Cincinnati Public Schools will create an informative
23. website that presents to the public the lunch menus, research about diets, and the
24. progress of the new nutrition standards. The Wellness Policy for Cincinnati
25. Public Schools will go to Cincinnati Public Schools and make the necessary
26. changes and continue to make follow-up visits at least twice a year (more if
27. schools are hesitant to the new standards).

Youth Mayor

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**YMCA of Greater Cincinnati
Youth in City Government Ordinance**

Annie Wissemeier, Mother of Mercy High School
Alli Ruth, Mother of Mercy High School

Title: Students in the Arts

WHEREAS, Students involved in athletics are highlighted more so than students achieving in the arts.

WHEREAS, Students involved in the arts (theatre, dance, vocal, painting, music, sculpting and drawing) are more apt to do well in school.

WHEREAS, Students should be encouraged to express their creativity without grades based on skill level, or within structured guidelines

WHEREAS, When youth are given healthy and safe outlets for emotions they are less likely to become involved in violence, drugs, alcohol and other unsafe outlets.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Youth in City Government, City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

1. Section 1

2. The City of Cincinnati will create a new committee, CFA (Cincinnati For the
3. Arts), to encourage and foster learning and expression in the city's youth.

4. Section 2

5. City council will select a chairperson to head this committee. The Chairperson
6. will be able to hire assistant to head the departments within the committee. The
7. assistants will need to be trained in the department they will head, and must
8. have training in education of children.

9. Section 3

10. CFA will strive to create its own building to act as its headquarters, but will also
11. act out of local community centers (such as the YMCA) to reach all the youth of
12. the city.

13. Each center that CFA acts out of will strive to educate youth in the arts and foster
14. their own growth and individuality. The headquarters will act as a display for all
15. the youth involved (displaying art, hosting concerts and plays), it will also act as
16. a center for conventions of all the local youth to further encourage the youth to
17. perform and do their best.

18. Section 4

19. Semester workshops will be given year round in all areas of the arts, also
20. opportunities will be given to enter competitions and also help with auditions
21. will be given to all who ask for assistance. The department heads will coordinate
22. the workshops and invite teachers and outside help as needed. The workshops
23. may be given at only a selection of the centers (but all will have one within a
24. reasonable distance).

25. Section 5

26. At each end of the workshop period there will be awards given for not only skill
27. but those who make great advancement of their skills, and show great dedication.
28. A yearly ceremony and display will also occur inviting those from the outside
29. community to celebrate its youth.

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Sub-Color Group:	___	Pass ___	Fail Rank # ___
Full YICG Council:	___	Pass ___	Fail

**YMCA of Greater Cincinnati
Youth in City Government Ordinance**

Author: Brandon Sharp, Summit Country Day
Title: Public Services

WHEREAS, there are citizens of the city of Cincinnati who do not have proper heating in the winter or cooling in the summer.

WHEREAS, the elderly and young children if exposed to acute heat in the summer or low cold in the winter can suffer medical consequences. The elderly and young children are more likely to have heat cramps, heat strokes, heat exhaustion, and even death. In the cold, the elderly and young children can be at high risk of developing Hypothermia.

WHEREAS, the city of Cincinnati should look out for the welfare of its citizens and those who do not have the necessary heating and cooling should be able to have access to a sanctuary where they can escape the extreme weather and receive further health information.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Youth in City Government, City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

1. **Section 1:** The city of Cincinnati should locate a building, which is not actively
2. being used, for the purpose of allowing those without heating or cooling to stay
3. and escape the extreme weather. The city could rent a room of the convention
4. center or arrange an agreement with several downtown churches (e.g. Calvary
5. Baptist Church, for them to set aside an area so that people can warm up or cool
6. down. People may stay at these sanctuaries as long as it is open. Sanctuaries
7. should open at 6 am and close at 9 pm.
8. **Section 2:** The Department for Public Services will be put in charge of this
9. project. Public Services may hire a part-time employee to manage the
10. operations. If further assistance is needed, an extra person may be hired during
11. the winter or summer on an interim basis. Public Services is in charge of ensuring
12. there is between three to five shelters in the Cincinnati Proper. The sanctuaries
13. will be prearranged and permission from the buildings will have to be renewed
14. every October. If one building previously used as a shelter does not give the city
15. permission to use its space, the city will have to find at least one building to
16. replace the former. The Department of Public Services must also find available
17. volunteers to work each location. There must be no less than two volunteers at
18. any given location. These volunteers must manage the location, ensuring orderly
19. behavior and certain needs are met. Each location will be asked to provide some
20. seating and volunteers should manage seating arrangements according to the
21. amount of people staying at the sanctuary. While the sanctuaries are active, one
22. member from Public Services must make rounds to the different locations,
23. overseeing all functions are properly working and refilling informational
24. handouts. Volunteers should not work more than eight hours a day, so the project
25. organizer should ensure that volunteers work in proper shifts. If there is a
26. shortage of volunteers, the city may hire up to five workers on minimum wage. If
27. there still is not enough/workers or volunteers, there must be a further decision by
28. city council to allot more funds to pay for temporary workers.
29. **Section 3:** When the temperature falls below 30 degrees Fahrenheit or rises above
30. 85 degrees Fahrenheit, the sanctuaries will be activated. The activation of the
31. shelter will be based on the predicted weather forecast seventy-two hours before

32. the temperature will exceed the 85 degree Fahrenheit mark or fall below the 30
33. degree Fahrenheit mark. Once the forecast is received and the decision made by
34. the Public Service Department, all volunteers must be noticed within twenty-four
35. hours of the decision. A public service announcement should then be made
36. within forty-eight hours informing citizens of the upcoming weather conditions
37. and the availability of the shelters.
38. **Section 4:** All shelters must have proper seating as well as tables. Also at
39. shelters, Public Services will provide information and tips on how the citizens can
40. prepare and keep warm/cool during the times of extreme weather. This
41. information should come in the form of a handout. All handouts should be
42. readily available for all who arrive at the shelter. Bottled water and coffee should
43. be available at each location and should be paid for through Public Services
44. budget. Food or drink donations will be accepted. Volunteers should ensure that
45. there is an adequate amount of water and if there is a shortage, the worker making
46. his/her rounds should fulfill the request.

Youth Mayor

Date