

Plan Cincinnati

Community Informational Meeting

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Small Group Feedback

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Question 1:

What makes a great city?

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Table 1 (Question 1)	Table 2 (Question 1)	Table 3 (Question 1)	Table 4 (Question 1)
diverse population	government and community leaders look out for city's best long term interest	people in synergy - common celebrations, opportunities for get together	capitalize on assets such as the park system, zoo, etc.
positive image: self-promoted destination	neighborhood leaders partner to take care of their neighbors	public transportation - pedestrian friendly	take a focus on views from the Cincinnati side
vibrant downtown	excellent transportation system	24 hr. amenities	walkability
cultural events and institutions	one should be able to get a taxi at anytime	cultural activities - music, art, festivals	shopping
historic areas	beautiful nature woven into the urban setting	cosmopolitan atmosphere - mix of people	neighborhood business districts
arts & entertainment - casino	abundant, affordable housing	green spaces	mass transit
self-promotion	all mixed up together	opportunities - schools, jobs, safety	vacant buildings/blight
pollution control	vibrant urban center		clean streets/safe streets
	bike friendly		marketing of a city
	active and safe streets		take advantage of parks
	environmentally aware		emphasis on water bodies
	good schools		
	old buildings		
	economic opportunity/jobs		
	good shopping		
	aesthetics		
	uniqueness		
arts			
inclines for Mt. Adams			
citizen involvement			
friendly people			

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security	beautiful green spaces/ scenic views, good architecture, quality development	attractions (Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, San Diego)	convenient transportation system/easy to get around
transportation	places with character - take advantage of hillsides & river	adoption of recycling programs	good management/city services
multiculturalism	diversity/vitality - energy from this	balance : overlap/business district	well maintained suburbs
aesthetically appealing	places to go, things to do	transportation that incorporates pedestrians	universal social interaction
education	being able to walk to places/sense of community	balance / diversity / integration	entertainment & cultural options
job opportunities	parking	parking/Kennedy Connector	advantage of natural resources
entertainment	new & different culture	clean city	walkable neighborhoods
parks/recreation	public transportation options - bus, bikes, etc.	well functioning public services (park)	good schools/education opportunities
nightlife downtown	educational institutional/culture/history	bike paths/ trails	lively clean downtown
wide variety of housing options	ability to get around	school system / education	good housing/diverse housing options
walkability	connectivity	safety / well-lit	parks
historical venues	easily walkable	small business support	economic development
bike friendly dining options	good public spaces	access to public services restaurants	attractive architecture sound infrastructure
eco-friendly	social interaction	active nightlife	good churches
good sports			restaurants
community involvement			low crime rates
wide use of resources - river			good police & courts
			well paying jobs

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activities for young professionals & families	good public transportation system	arts	various housing options - rental, ownership, etc
public view to outside communities	diversity; many different people in one neighborhood	good transportation, police & fire departments	housing development
something to do all the time 24/7	open space, parks, green space, nature, etc	good schools, clean streets	arts & cultural aspects
diversity	excellent educational system	low crime rates	sense of community - marketing
safety	attractive urban business/center	churches	what is going on in the communities? - Cincinnati is not just professional sports teams
inclusion	keeping the city up-to-date e.g. streets	business & strong neighborhood business districts	multi-modal transportation
openness	diverse job opportunities	strong community & city councils	really good parks with a variety of recreational options
history	thriving entertainment & culture	parks & recreational centers; fun	public safety - not just police but Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
future generations	affordability	2 newspapers	quality of educational opportunities
location	clean, sanitary environment - rivers, streets	transportation (subway)	small/neighborhood business district development: innovate & revamp small business
harmony river	engaged people efficient public transportation	great sports jobs!	center city development
education transportation	good art scene clean, safe environment	adequate parking clean, safe, stable growing economy	
city services		stable institutions diversity	
clean environment good food		transportation network stable job base good shopping	
aesthetics parks progressive good economy entertainment sense of community			

Question 2:

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maintenance/redevelopment of housing; improvement of housing stock	homogenous neighborhoods are not good	public safety	lack of mass transit
city transportation is not reliable	large percentage of the population below poverty line	education, youth services: after school activities, food, housing - supporting the youth	inadequate bus service
not enough recycling - yard waste	need to green every building in city and get rid of the lead	sustainable opportunities: jobs gone overseas	retain/ attract young professionals
better roads	community-driven community development	crime and poverty	neighborhood livability (services/ grocery)
safety	declining urban neighborhoods	re-do education system (Head Start)	lack of pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods
state & city tax structure	people moving to suburbs because of public schools	education, youth services: after school activities, food, housing - supporting the youth	perception of crime in neighborhoods
excessive city taxes	city hall should adopt more of a partnership attitude	public transportation	downtown needs to be a destination
small business support	reality & the perception of crime we don't play together enough	sustainable development	transportation between attractions downtown lack of technology in the city
	lack of jobs		too reactive, not proactive
	failing public schools		embrace diversity of neighborhoods
	lack of transportation options		bury utility lines
	city's budget vacant lots and buildings insufficient tax base health of citizenry economic vitality school quality infant mortality rate racial tension precarious politics bad citizen-police relations		prohibit billboards

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lack of affordable housing	sense of "us and them" - too much hate; housing issues/east side - west side BRING CITY TOGETHER	access to transportation and lack of rail	lack of cooperation between city and surroundings
need for a cleaner river	continued redevelopment of downtown: bring people back downtown, investments in our existing assets	lack of government structure and transparency	lack of accountability/ effective use of resources - fire and police
jobs for inner city teens	neighborhood separation: east/west side location issues	poor organization, less transition	housing/increase in home ownership
taking care of the homeless	age/housing stock/adequate housing options, affordable housing for residents	"stuck in the past:" not willing to make changes	council with balanced viewpoints
neighborhood segregation	promote Cincinnati - support the businesses & small manufacturers present	vacancy in the urban core	long term vision - for decision making
lack of reliable public transit	more accommodation for small businesses	no casinos	blight in the city and suburbs
more walkability	new business/sense of entrepreneurship	disposable business	code enforcement for housing
wise city leaders that can work together	promote the small projects	cleanliness, safety, lighting	general lack of code enforcement - no follow up
vacant buildings	good public transportation	school system	drug issues
economy		tax revenue	fiscal responsibility
safety		lack of unity among neighborhoods	jobs/economic condition
gun violence		homelessness	unresponsive bureaucracy
better crosswalks		lack of regional cooperation	schools/education
aging infrastructure		racism	transportation - no light rail
		unemployment	safety - crime
			entertainment options
			politics

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too much specialization in downtown	fill vacant buildings, bring in business	uneven distribution of services between neighborhoods	create incentives to make sustainable development worthwhile for developers
develop transportation systems	improve city infrastructure and traffic congestion	more businesses and corporations	we need more transportation with better options
representation across the board	continuing economic development	not enough community policing	local government budgets - need to stabilize government budgets
mixed-class redevelopment	solving homeless problem	uneven distribution of section 8	homeless situation, programs for the mentally ill
help in low income areas	lack of public transportation	neighborhood divisions, lack of unity	perception of City as being a high-crime area
redevelop & rehabilitation	updating institutions overall	recreation centers and libraries in every community	public safety, prisoner rehabilitation programs
be more inclusive	improving housing quality	downward economic spiral	finishing the riverfront in a timely fashion
get to know others	promoting a greener city	ineffective public transit	we need income generating businesses
serious social issues	more environmental consciousness	rundown housing	regional government
social services	streamlining city government	blight	institutions must adapt to family dynamics
open minds	bringing people into inner-city neighborhoods	polluting industries	poverty
civility	waste handling and reduction	image of the city	
gentrification	improving CPS	tax base meltdown	
leadership	more affordable housing	jobs	
community involvement			
economic development			
city services			
inclusiveness			

Question 3:

How do we make Cincinnati a great city?

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more promotion of city assets (i.e.. Music hall, symphony, etc)	capture the majority of growth and jobs in the region going forward	make it somewhere people want to live - stop flight to the suburbs	township and unincorporated cities (combined with city and county)
prevent brain drain by attracting businesses and jobs	build on our assets like the river and our architecture: enhance our uniqueness	higher taxes for people working, but not living in the city	combine all safety and emergency services
build public transportation (subways, airport to downtown transportation)	we need an incline for Mt. Adams and Price Hill with parking at the bottom	Density and promotion of cultural outlets (dance, music, art, night life)	stop rolling back taxes, it affects services
variety of festivals and events	leadership should think big and implement their vision	capitalize on natural resources (green spaces, wild life, nature trails, river)	pursue large capital investments
more emphasis on musical arts	trust, like and enjoy each other more	opportunities - jobs, education, entertainment	combine city and county government
pride in heritage	excellent and viable transportation options, like MetroMoves	ending phony "war on drugs" - misdirection of resources	keep water works and sell services
community pride and community connection	outward thinking - to the region	pro-police	keep the train
support existing business	implement the green-cincy plan		focus on the future, not now
	make it easy and safe to bike and walk anywhere		
	parent and community connection to schools		
	quit saying "it won't work here"		
	bring back the international folk festival		
	more opportunities for widespread, open dialogue		
	great public works and give it style		
	better budgeting		
	vibrant arts		
	focus on mixed communities		
	great public transit		
	make use of the subway line		

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we need an attraction to give us a name (ie. Central park, times square, etc)	library system - green space - architecture: keep these things great	more concentrated advertising - tourism	public review of all city departments - more effective local government
multiculturally friendly - celebrate multiculturalism and being attractive to other cultures, ethnicities	sense of welcome; preserve, increase beauty - parks, libraries, open spaces	restore, preserve historic sites	restore blighted neighborhoods surrounding freeways/ exits
use abandoned subway for nightlife or something productive	restore/ re-use vacancies - occupy buildings	neighborhood involvement - all 52 neighborhoods	3C rail transportation/ light rail
better commercial/ recreational use of riverfront	develop Over-the-Rhine potential architecture	homeless shelters - specific zoning	positive economic development
SOA mass transit (subway, streetcar)	implement active planning strategies	acquire buildings, use for transit - grant acquisition	increase young professionals
bigger airport	better signage - be able to find parks	more street festivals/ neighborhood events	smart codes, form-based codes - universal with the city
more pride	meeting needs of communities	bike plan	continuous redevelopment, no holes
city needs leaders to complete projects	diversity of urban places - more options	more friendly people	finish Banks project - capitalize on tourism
more and better transit options	mixed living/ transportation options	more pedestrian-friendly	effective/ excellent schools
NBA team	clean up Cincinnati (buildings, streets, vacancies, etc)	restore historic stairway	thriving riverfront
rid ourselves of "unsafe" stigma	expand along the riverfront	skateboard park	more local parks
		incorporate light rail	effective functional council
			unlighted gateways into city
			true balanced budget
			metro-government

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perception of the region, country, world	walkable/ mixed-use neighborhoods	learn from Northern Kentucky - look at past decade	Intergovernmental - intergovernmental coordination and communication
create interconnected greenway system	mixed-income housing in many neighborhoods	strong business district in every neighborhood	marketing Cincinnati innovatively (billboards, digital media)
sense of community	better cultural scene outside of "pockets"	comprehensive regional transit system	create neighborhood destinations and developing corridors (arts districts, etc)
neighborhood education	seeing public projects through	neighborhood liaison in government	promote sense of community
re-evaluate values	shift in budget from law enforcement to education	better promotion and utilization of 591 - 6000	change peoples' attitudes about Cincinnati
economic development	open discussion about city's issues	standards of common human decency	educational programs that teach parenting and
criminal system and jobs	promote existing areas of interest	alternate schools, magnet schools	develop the city's assets (rivers, hillsides, creeks)
parental responsibility		eliminate drug use	infill and reuse old buildings
personal responsibility	more parks, greenspace	don't lay off police	turn Union Terminal into a railroad museum
activities beyond basketball	mandatory recycling policy	city-wide functions	Make Cincinnati a digital city
provide recreational support	streetcar	stable, balanced budget	What is Cincinnati? - develop city by its assets and brand it
civility	improving car accessibility	attract clean industry	Cover F. Washington Way with a park
keep young professionals	broader sense of community	stronger community council role	Have a proactive attitude in government
education	centralization of population	eliminate section 8	Promote arts programs
	unify government	neighborhood schools	
	increasing property taxes	property maintenance enforcement	
	new, unique attractions	rental property regulation	

Question 4:

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make city a business center with a variety of jobs for varying skill levels	build the capacity of our community organizations so they can create sustainable change with CDCs	nothing	no casinos
do away with shopping centers	build streetcar, subway, light rail system	government	resistance to change
bring back dependable, affordable transportation system	implement comprehensive smart growth policy	want synergy: stop east vs. west, look for commonality, make 52 neighborhoods	true mass transit system
community/gathering center for every neighborhood.	change car ownership from necessary to optional	education - make it better, harder to graduate/pass grade levels	change the present form of government
recreation center = educational center			
get involved - start at schools - instill pride	commitment to long-term environmental health of our city	transition from fossil fuel based processes to worker sustainable businesses	too much segregation of all types - socioeconomic, race, gender, lifestyles, religion
high profile cultural events - make city a destination	give people incentives to make small behavioral environmental changes		focus on the future
	management of MSD's CSOs and Ssos and its impacts on our rivers and creeks		education
	attitude: "Yes, let's work together and make it happen"		
	excellent schools		
	long-term vision, not short-term fixes		
	total green development along the river		

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transportation	attitude of people - stop the hate aimed at outsiders, different races, classes and income groups	prepare for urbanization - address reluctance to urban, more communication between urban and rural	metro government - create - unanimous agreement
finalize riverfront plan	love them Bearcats, Reds, Bengals!	urban entertainment - concerns about appearance	present transportation system - multi-modal transportation system
keep affordable housing in OTR	sense of community - welcome people	making slow flow - defragmentation	more effective police department - efficient
foster mixed incomes	promote what's going on - events, festivals, etc. - social activities - GO DOWNTOWN!	regional government	economic stimulus
rid ourselves of racism	change the self-esteem of Cincinnati	education - better, early education, more parent involvement	improve schools/education
more job opportunities	choose development projects wisely -stop taking anything - just say no	transportation - 3C project, subway, connection to city, less cars, incorporation of the airport	bike/trail system
more affordable housing in general/mixed income		involvement of government in community	recreation
better, more reliable school system		alternative forms of energy - solar	
better recreational system		keeping the city clean - trash collection, alleyways; make it pedestrian friendly	
more opportunities for youth development			
IN & OUT burger			
better baseball team			

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city's attention to African-American economic inclusion	more parks & greenspace	better chamber of commerce	regional government
expressway access ramps	use the riverfront	safety improvements	multi-modal transportation: we need diverse options
include everybody - welcome mat	less car dependency	lower taxes	build an image based on cultural heritage & assets
public view - perception of Cincinnati	more quality affordable housing	more education on racial integration for young children and families	Build sustainable transportation/ transit
local business support	city-to-suburb transportation	casino gambling and use of riverfront	Tighten security
vision - forward thought	change priorities of budget to collective interest	attraction of businesses that provide substantial well-paying jobs for the masses	Introduce light rail
fixing the old before creating the new - issues & policies	form long term strategic vision for Cincinnati	attraction and retention of young professionals and families	change the perception of Cincinnati
		better care of natural resources	concentrate development on corridors
		better transportation	more streetscaping
			more diverse housing options for homebuyers
			more job, education & training opportunities