

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 3 (Question 1)	Table 4 (Question 1)	Table 5 (Question 1)	Table 6 (Question 1)
unique, recognizable character and culture that differentiates from others e.g. architecture, events and local flavor	historic structures integrated with modern ones	neighborhoods between business districts. access in and between	ease of public transit
a strong draw from outside of the area; a strong reason to be there e.g. touristy, education	public spaces; gathering spaces	small blocks; surprise; walkable; human scale; sense of place	energetic downtown
activities that draw people to the city out from the neighborhoods	wonderful art - easily accessible	business districts showing elements of planning e.g. of Mt. Lookout, Hyde Park	hillsides/greenery
get around easily without relying on cars	diversity - economic, ages, culture	various modes of transportation: street car, light rail	good schools
history and what it means to be Cincinnati	being a center for something	diverse educational opportunities	safety
opportunity for business growth	multi-modal transportation	quality public schools in every part of the city	clean
friendly people willing to help you	pedestrian activity - walkable streets	compact and walkable neighborhoods	absence of urban blight
identity with something you consider to be great	water - using our natural resources	safety; health care; people	accessible education
make it so people want to live and visit there	excellent, affordable housing	diversity	facilities
great arts & entertainment institutions	vibrancy of pedestrian activity	strong economic base	cultural appreciation
diversification	open spaces	robust economy	respect for age groups
vibrant downtown	locally owned businesses	strong leadership	employment
good transportation	good job market	safe sidewalks; bike paths	water feature
good schools	arts & entertainment	culture & recreation	focal point: natural - river
low crime rate	sports	affordable quality housing	pro sports teams
lots of things to see	engaged people		better maintenance
family entertainment	good public transportation		public access to airports
good schools	distinctive neighborhoods		
	integrated rail transit		
	focal points: hills & rivers		

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large open spaces to accommodate multiple sporting events simultaneously	less conservative - more liberal	developers with desire to rehabilitate in cooperation with the City	accessible green space and recreational opportunities
diversity: activities, culture, physical.	more economic clothing stores	Big "little" City: retention of "small town" attributes	good universities as economic engine
multi-modal transportation	sustainable in various ways: land use, energy	people: sense of optimism & opportunities	walkable amenities & neighborhoods
active vibrant streets; sustainable community	Cincinnati specific cultural activities/festivals	diversity in terms of population	theater; arts; entertainment
abundance and variety of jobs	abundance of parks and green areas	historical recognition & forward looking	neighborhood business districts
sports	access to fresh & healthy food	good cooperation between citizens and institutions	bike lanes & trails
educational opportunities	variety of people	global presence	historic preservation
safety	unique neighborhoods	housing opportunities	vibrant downtown
creative people (the arts)	engaged communities	lots of history	choice of schools: public & private
economic strength	free education	no need for the automobile	maintain diversity
engaged citizenry	good environment	public transit opportunities	improve police
bars	better police services	Midwest values	strong core
higher population density	better transportation	employment opportunities	good public schools K-12
diversity	more bikers "bike love"	stability	cultural attractions
good schools		lots of green space	food establishments
river		arts & culture	airport hub status
City branding		major league city	social services
functional sewer system		good colleges	housing opportunities
art			churches
			faith communities
			economic growth
			public transportation

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good transportation networks to other regions including airports	business/employment opportunities: tax revenues	strong economic base: manufacturing jobs	equal amounts of City funding for all neighborhoods
cleanliness and maintenance in all aspects of the words	cultural institutions: music, parks	lots of opportunities for civic involvement	utilize natural resources - increase access to them
Diverse and big variety of jobs and industries	higher education: colleges in Cincinnati	public transportation: street cars, buses, light rail	areas of entertainment & hotels: 4th street live
neighborhood business districts	economic opportunities: jobs	police-community cooperation	connectivity of different venues
open space, parks and green space	low crime	strong & diverse housing opportunities	support for the arts & culture
convenience to things that you need	good schools system	effective recycling of all types of materials	distinct neighborhoods that are connected
open-mindedness of citizens to new ideas	access to other regions	diversity (socio-economic, racial)	revitalization of all the neighborhoods in Cincinnati
different form of entertainment	good airport	publicly accessible greenspace	involvement of residents and businesses
quality and variety of housing	sports institutions	public markets similar to Findlay Market	famous festivals (news-making)
incorporation of history into identity	transportation	opportunities for young adults: jobs & education	vehicular and pedestrian circulation
education	diverse business work	support of the arts	ethnic diversity
access to healthcare		historic architecture	multi-cultural
diversity	entertainment/arts	healthy neighborhoods	transportation networks
diversity of people	school systems	public spaces to congregate	feeling safe
energy	history	social justices	walkable neighborhoods
jobs and employment	affordable housing	more development	clean
walkability	air quality: clean air act	strong schools	people
ease of transportation	integration: lack of isolation		welcoming
cultural opportunities	diversity of communities		aesthetically appealing
safety	appearance: green, safe		pomp & pizzazz
architecture/city appeal	leadership: of people		urban harmony with nature
	parks: bike trails		universities & institutions
	geographic location: hills		news making
			architecture

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pedestrian areas not impacted by traffic e.g. plazas
preserve green spaces & water
good schools: all levels, public & private
successful business; small & large
good housing: affordable & attractive
libraries: well educated
connected people
clean & safe neighborhoods
diverse economy
vibrant neighborhoods
entertainment
easy transportation: accessible & affordable
multicultural
green space & parks
recreation
connected people
unity
image

Question 2:

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target high-crime neighborhoods for educational programs and other types of assistance like special policing	inadequate public funding for public transportation - regional transit	decision about automobile versus public transportation
make parents accountable for kids to encourage civic mindedness, ability to read, spend a day in jail	quality of public education (primary)	decline of manufacturing industry
need to be selective about development - not "any development is good development"	inadequate transportation	dysfunction form of city gov't
homelessness issues and panhandlers - more recently younger in age	too much partisan politics	flight of people to suburbs
communication between officials police and residents lack of focus on historic preservation (look at Charleston, SC)	think city-wide, not just neighborhoods maintaining historic housing stock	gov't fragmented regional focus
embarrassing condition of communities downtown create and adapt a form of city gov't that has accountability	flight to suburbs	compliance with zoning regulations time it takes to get permit
address the unacceptable quality of education in secondary schools	income gap	schools child care address schooling
property upkeep-houses and businesses	no rail transit	poverty compounds education
attracting and retaining businesses and residents	NIMBY	preservation of existing structures
gov't that is fair for everybody	preservation of status quo	neighborhood development
lower city taxes or get rid of it	too many neighborhoods	economic development
schools school system business red tape	quality of jobs economic development family flight from city	high property taxes divisions within the city safety of city
get rid of tax abatement	poor primary education re-evaluate NBD increase tax base cooperate regionally	multi layered confusing economy and jobs keep our young talent access to waterfront

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community revitalization - lack of efforts/policies	people taking pride and ownership within neighborhoods	focus redevelopment and investment throughout the city	lack of intergovernmental consolidation - lack of collaboration between n. Kentucky and Cincinnati
balance of resources between neighborhoods/businesses	attraction of money and people back from suburbs - good schooling system	strategic and comprehensive nature of planning	poor use of tax money and infrastructure - metro use
outside perception/negative press	segregated communities: full spectrum of definition	more environmentally sustainable industries	education and employment opportunities - overall of public schools
being accountable to public -> fiscally	wide variety of housing for full cross-section of society	fewer non-sustainable industries	crime prevention through environmental design (form-based codes; sense of place)
disparity between residents/business	communication with neighbors	second chance to people who committed a felony	upkeep of housing stock - lack of enforcement
public safety/ job safety	lack of adaptable industries	dealing with crime in blighted areas	energy consumption
public schools quality	air quality	deteriorating infrastructure	better use of river
economic development	transportation	more socially and physically progressive	crime - race relations
aging infrastructure	revitalization	more recreation for youth	transportation
	tax-base and revenue	public transportation	
		more good planners	
		crime	
		finance	
		health care services	
		regional transportation	
		transitional housing	
		government	
		jobs	

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young middle class of every race leaving the city	retention of young professionals from outside city	lack of permanent -> move to suburbs = loss of tax base	economic disparity among neighborhoods
create another engineering university I.e. Xavier as economic engine	politics of land use (as it affects land/housing price)	making Cincinnati a city young people want to live in/ move to	economic disparity within neighborhoods
more choices for quality K-12 public schools	disconnectedness of neighborhoods within city	Jobs/employment opportunities	budget short-fall (loss of services, loss of jobs)
segregated neighborhoods	ability to house people (affordable access to services)	distribution of population	lots of empty and abandoned houses
family YMCA on east side (full service)	not a lot for young people to do (teens)	infrastructure: bridges, roads, energy	losing investment to the suburbs (sprawl)
creating more women owned business	lack of diversity beyond African American or White	sustainability (environmental)	infrastructure repairs and upgrade sewers, water
new tax structure - repeal state law	housing stock deterioration	adequate housing (for seniors as well)	educational improvement
class divisions	lack of better transportation	poverty ->broad application	spend money on widening I-75
public education	jobs, economic development	crime/law enforcement/safety	crime
crime	# of municipalities in county	decline in property values	lack of opportunities
increasing tax base	preservation of historic buildings	lack of regional cooperation	aging housing
more diverse council	lack of highlighting valuable aspects of city	civic pride	over reliance on autos
small business support	small business failures	traffic (transportation)	lack of grocery stores
economic incubator	lack of graduation	pay roll taxes	food security
racial issues x2	crime	high taxes	bickering at city council
poverty	a lot of foreclosures	lack of transportation	pollution - air, water
safe public transit	sprawl, not much density	ATS of cooperation	trash
		Housing (old)	addressing brownfields
		Budget deficit	

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public schools need to get more authority instead of being babysitter	vacant buildings - not enough population, funding - residential and commercial
kids are own future - they need to learn the basics	public education is under funded - early childhood
public education comprehensive planning	neighborhoods should be repurposed - business and residential
adults/parents need to be accountable	crumbling infrastructure - roads, sewers
more mixed use walkable development better public transportation	people not being able to keep their homes find a way to grow tax base
compact - mix use development turn around the negative image of the city	allow businesses to expand - city council prevents this attract businesses into the city
media needs to report positive also	structure of city government
crime/safety	city gov't does not lead to strong decision making
homelessness	city gov't represents everyone and no one
economic development	safety - losing police and fireman - don't cut jobs
less big box	full time employment especially for youth
more neighborhood services	preserving urban core
network of street cars the bickering of city council	
work on public relations	
fresh city council	
image	
public schools	

Question 3:

How do we make Cincinnati a great city?

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<p>Pike Street Market in Seattle - expand Findlay Market or have several markets around town to provide access to those who cannot get there opportunity to raise children so that they want to stay and continue to make the city great</p>	<p>invest in public transportation and schools improve interconnected transportation - complete streets</p>	<p>consensus on what a great city means reconsideration not competition</p>
<p>make everyone responsible and accountable in keeping up property and respecting property</p>	<p>quality, affordable family housing</p>	<p>demo and replace existing housing stock</p>
<p>development theme, give developers a guide for streetscape and design of buildings so it looks good</p>	<p>encourage small business startups</p>	<p>reduce infant mortality rate</p>
<p>make better use of the riverfront, not just in downtown area and make more accessible to the public</p>	<p>retain and attract college grads</p>	<p>economically diverse neighborhoods</p>
<p>create fertile economic environment to draw in outside investment</p>	<p>improve and preserve natural resources</p>	<p>streamlining government services</p>
<p>raze and rehab urban blight and make it physically attractive</p>	<p>stronger economic development</p>	<p>infrastructure, sewer system</p>
<p>bring back at least one or two of the inclines</p>	<p>be competitive with other countries</p>	<p>community policing block watch</p>
<p>improve schools - this loses a lot of residents lower taxes, property and city</p>	<p>cooperation with universities and the city capitalize on natural resources</p>	<p>keep great people living here</p>
<p>aggressively crush crime and blight</p>	<p>neighborhoods and city interconnected</p>	<p>preservation of community space, preserve parks learn from our history</p>
<p>continue to revitalize downtown</p>	<p>finish riverfront park soon</p>	<p>friendliness</p>
	<p>expand bike trails develop urban core reduce racial divide</p>	<p>limit auto proliferation more jobs, better jobs improve the housing stock</p>
	<p>think globally build on historic stock</p>	<p>business friendly policies in balance with nature cleanliness</p>
		<p>urban gardening safety</p>

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celebrating unique qualities of neighborhoods	more destinations e.g. Austin and music arts, culture	urban farms, gardens, urban agriculture (on roof tops or on vacant lands)	thriving "community commercial areas" that are connected by multimodal transit options
branding of Cincinnati - not sports teams	improvement public health, environment, and public space	strive as a leader, make a mark, more progressive, competitive city	new businesses that thrive in the 21st century economy
appreciation of neighborhoods	young professional retention	economic development/balance of jobs and population	preservation of historic architecture and iconic landscapes
appreciate youth and keep them here	event space (week-long events)	improve water and add more sources	housing opportunities for all incomes and ages
promote pride	celebrate cultural and ethnic heritage	investing in multimodal transportation	completion of the riverfront
incorporates sustainability	positive branding	incorporate surrounding jurisdictions	incentives for small business
entertainment	\$ 5 per gallon gasoline	strategic planning for housing	senior citizen services in place
finish the Banks	jobs and economic opportunities green buildings everywhere get the reds back to the playoffs good schooling systems and universities (sports) transportation choices put casino in suburbs good entrepreneurship complete center	redevelopment and business development redevelopment and business development strengthen local business districts more bike and pedestrian friendly low cost carriers (more of them) diversified business homeless shelters identifiable legacy good city council urban grocery more affordable housing great neighborhoods creative transit solutions	OTR become thriving community walkable communities services within walking distances mix of use in NBD's world class architecture international destination expanded downtown area

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"University City" create infrastructure to connect and capitalize on strengths	leadership (government) stronger well known families and community also while keeping the neighborhood voice	new transportation, major corridors, make east side more connected, connection to Dayton, also to Yellow Springs	do all right things to have good come to city (crime down and jobs up)
pocket parks for every neighborhood	better transportation system, better connection of neighborhoods at faster speeds	vibrant arts: walkable shopping, community districts, make community OKI center	less bureaucratic red-tape, friendly city to do business
bike trails on Ohio River and Mill Creek	increase education (making schools more focused on preparing kids)	Harmony among leaders: structure of local governments, better press, better newspaper	encourage housing investment
restore Mill Creek to wildlife corridor	increasing children's view of the world, opening their minds to more diverse things	improve the public schools, goal to keep families in the city	reduce carbon blue print, create a healthy city
need riverfront development	positive image to the rest of the area and county (tourism)	greener city, start from recreation center, better waste	power sharing to implement consensus
revitalize every neighborhood	highlight our downtown, more events to draw more people	more integrated city, what makes Madisonville good	respond to individual communities and groups
economic assistance to residents	more mixed income housing (helps diversity)	improve neighborhood business	consensus about city direction
build a streetcar line	create a big shopping district	vocational education	street cars
light rail	massive cleanup and maintenance	improving housing stock	what is best for the city
inner city rail	jobs and economic development	bussing downtown	promote city assets
redistribute wealth	architecture	diverse entertainment	reduce crime
regional government	safety	healthy workforce	more jobs
"Millennium Park"			enforce consensus more resources more efficiency green infrastructure

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new model for how we handle the homeless population, do not kick out, provide programming	city council should pay attention to what people want instead of what they think people want
invest in enriching our great neighborhoods - make it a feature	reinvest in existing neighborhood and business districts instead building new ones
market our city with the help of UC -like Buffalo NY	take pride in neighborhoods, get more people involved and empower residents
get UC to accept more foreign students	good rail system connecting Cincinnati to suburbs, like light rail
Xavier Montessori program	overcoming physical barriers like I-75, highways, and hills
think big (outside of the box) dream freely, envision excellence	helping property owners make positive change
big unique attraction like the St. Louis Arch	clean and safe clean up highways
decentralizing the location of homeless shelters develop civic infrastructure	PLAN CINCINNATI -take action and implement diverse economy that is beyond just service jobs
Cincinnati is known for the "Badnew" bad publicity investment in civic engagement	
work more with university, also Cincinnati State address crime	

Question 4:

If you could shape the future of the City, what one thing would you change?

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Revitalize small neighborhoods (some neighborhoods get more attention and more money than others, treat all the same)	Government Consolidation (Norwood, St. Bernard, and etc)	Connect the City; it is too segmented; need a web of transportation - public transportation	Ensure every kid has a future in Cincinnati
Change form of city government form Committee to strong mayor system	Make transit easier to cross town	A leader who inspires the citizens to the to run the city properly; proper funding	Revitalize urban core -OTR
Significant reason for exodus is crime and schools - fix that and people may move back in	Improve public school system	Everyone who works for the city should live in the city	Erasing neighborhood boundaries - unity
City-subsidized cab system to get around town w/out parking	Regional transportation system	Pedestrian friendly roadways	Advocate for neighborhoods
Add a subway system - bring back/finish subway	Provide excellent schools	Connect Uptown and Downtown	Make downtown a destination
Biggest liability City has is schools; make schools work	Whole new transit system	citizen participation/wake up citizens	Accessible/affordable day care
More meetings with input from the community is given	City Wide rail transit	Eliminate one way streets downtown	Thriving centers in every neighborhood
Strong mayor system is needed	Improve primary education	Well made decisions; Multi-family in single family area	Regional government
Tired of committee system - need strong mayor		Mixed use neighborhoods	Utilization of river
Improve condition of all schools		Affordable housing percentage	Mimic the Levee
Legality of gambling - bring in Casino		Renew the neighborhoods	Mass transit
District election of council members		Quality public schools	
Change the politics		Deconcentrate poverty	
Revitalize historic districts		Above garage apartments	
		Extensive light rail system	

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Move the Reds to Broadway Commons	Change the world's perception of our city and people to make a positive mark; positive attitude	Metro Government (Collaboration with Northern KY)	State law about open enrollment to accept outside of district
Intergovernmental cooperation & vision	Enhance quality of life toward: nutrition, recreation, cultural mixing, social mixing	Establishing a Green City (first city operating entirely off the grid)	Transportation + opportunities + infrastructure
Make city more attractive	Decrease racism/community divide	Establish or signature that Cincinnati is known for	Regional cooperation + revenue sharing
Celebrate rich cultural heritage	Change how police unions operate	Widespread access to technology	All public schools rated excellent
Public transit	Work of eliminating community divide	Change the perception of the City (crime reduction)	
Segregation	Provide more transportation options Regional government Better education	Increase the City's self-esteem	Get rid of WLW - i.e. Cunningham

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for homeowners, unified objective way of determining where and what neighborhood houses are in	Keeping young people in the City (survey why they leave; what would incentives them to come back)	Regional government / direct council representation	Around University - Need to be made more safe and exciting with entertainment and venues
Massive cleanup of neighborhoods - creates attractive focal point (identifiable business district)	Increase business within City (Tax credits/incentives; growth industries; vocation; airport transportation; mass transit; Cincinnati more fun)	Fix the economic disparity	Change the bad perception
Entrepreneurship - creating/building business from the inside	Decrease political bickering (regional government, shared services)	Streetcar on Madison Road	Need a focus in the UC area
More people downtown (leads to more things to do, entertainment)	Housing (tax incentives; house by house, street by street plan)	Rebuild the old streetcar routes	Change mindset of people in the UC Area
Faster transportation, more regional transportation	Diversity Integration (crime perception)	Encourage kids to dream big	Better Positive Media Coverage
Massive rehab of houses (stimulates jobs, spending)	Intra-inter city transportation	Use the best practices of other successful cities	Invest in the Reds and Bengals
	Attract new businesses	Economic stimulus for housing reinvestments	Nationalize the news media

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Table 15 (Question 4)

Incorporate all of Hamilton County into the City (city-county merge)

Positive image (make city attractive, welcoming)

Mass-Transit (rail, greater bus service)

Cincy-Columbus-Cleveland

Using river and rail for freight traffic

Friendlier downtown

Get Reds in playoffs

Pride within people

Environmental