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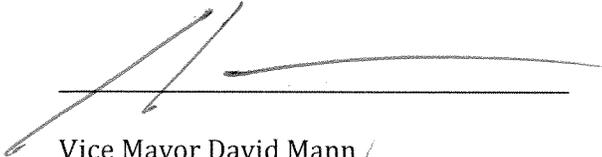
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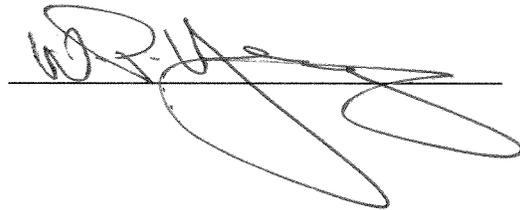
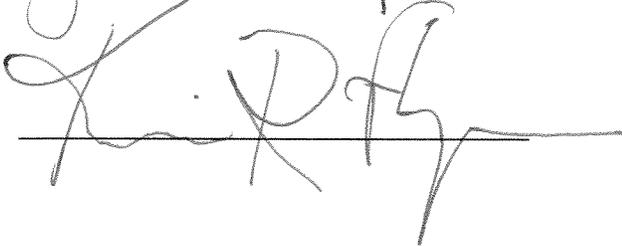
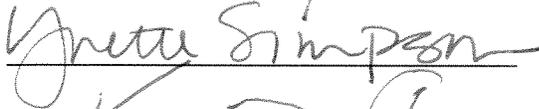
Vice Mayor/Councilmember

MOTION

WE MOVE that the Administration prioritize funding in the FY16-17 budget to combat the heroin crisis by supporting the recommendations and evidence presented in the *Reversing the Tide* report.



Vice Mayor David Mann



STATEMENT

When I meet with citizens across Cincinnati, one of the first concerns expressed to me is the impact of the heroin crisis on their neighborhood. Whether it's an increase in crime as a result of drug dealing and theft or the impact of a son, daughter, grandchild or neighbor who has fallen into the cycle of addiction, Cincinnatians are witnessing the devastation of the heroin epidemic on a daily basis.

In response, a broad cross section of community and government leaders have worked diligently on the *Reversing the Tide* report (attached) to lay out a policy roadmap to respond to the heroin epidemic. As the Administration prepares its FY16-17 budget, it is vital that we fund programs and initiatives that support this report's focus areas of:

- Getting People the Treatment They Need
- Reducing Harm
- Preventing Opioid Misuse
- Cutting the Supply

Specifically, the Administration should prioritize funding in areas where the city is uniquely positioned to have the largest impact. Those areas should include (but are not limited to) supporting treatment facilities to expand service; increasing the supply of naloxone and needle proof gloves for our city's first responders; and funding neighborhood level public health efforts to prevent misuse, reduce the harm associated with heroin use, educate citizens on the use of naloxone, and offer medical testing to at-risk communities.