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**MOTION**

**“TAKE IT TO THE STREETS”  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH ADVOCATES**

**Redirect CIRV to Support Community Outreach Advocates in Reducing  
Violence in Cincinnati and Focus on Teens 17 and Under**

**WE MOVE** that the Cincinnati City Council direct the City Manager to execute the following relative to the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV):

1. Terminate University of Cincinnati CIRV contract and use funds to support and hire CIRV Community Outreach Advocates with view toward helping to reduce crime and violence triggered by teens 17 and under. The \$105,267 allocated for the UC contract should be reallocated to the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission for FY2016. (**Dr. Robin Engel is no longer serving as Principal Investigator of CIRV thus creating this funding opportunity**).
2. Terminate the contract with the former executive director of CIRV and reallocate said funds of approximately \$70,000 to the CHRC Community Outreach Advocates. (**Greg Baker is no longer serving as Executive Director of CIRV thus creating this funding opportunity**).
3. Retain the Community Police Partnering Center funding creating greater cooperation and collaboration with CHRC, Cincinnati Police Department and the community.
4. Encourage CHRC to have greater police-community relations.
5. The Office of Performance and Data analytics should be required to provide CHRC with all appropriate crime statistics and analytical data. **This office will absorb the responsibility previously performed by UC.**
6. CHRC, Community Police Partnering Center and Cincinnati Police Department to create a greater alliance with the Hamilton County Office of Reentry.
7. CHRC to work with the Hamilton County Office of Reentry in developing an ongoing, comprehensive in-service training program for CIRV community outreach advocates.

**STATEMENT**

In partnership with CIRV, Community Outreach Advocates are key on-the-ground workers with life experience enabling them to identify target population; and build relationships leading to changed life directions. Community Outreach Advocates work in neighborhoods adversely impacted by high levels of violence and aid in reducing gun related violence among offenders affiliated with street/gang groups.

The “Take it to the Streets CIRV Community Outreach Advocates Initiative” is a process of redirecting CIRV funds to specifically hit the target group of those teens, 17 and under, who are helping to accelerate crime and violence in Cincinnati.

The “Take it to the Streets Initiative” will allow the CIRV community outreach advocates to go from street to street in identifying at-risk youth and in dismantling youth violence in Cincinnati.

**The “Take it to the Streets Initiative” will identify youth 17 and under, as it relates to the following statistics:**

2015	Rape	44.4%
2014	Robbery	40%
2014	Homicide	22%
2014	Shooting	20%
2014	Aggravated	12%
	Assaults	

**Source:** Cincinnati Police Department Statistics, July, 2015

**The “Take it to the Streets Initiative” will address random shooting in the age group of 17 and under.**

### ***RANDOM SHOOTING RAMPAGE***

There are youth and adults in Cincinnati who are on a random shooting rampage targeting drug dealers and innocent people through shootings, robbery, rape and aggravated assault. One of the results has been violent retaliation, where law abiding citizens and innocent bystanders are being caught in the crossfire.

### ***CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE***

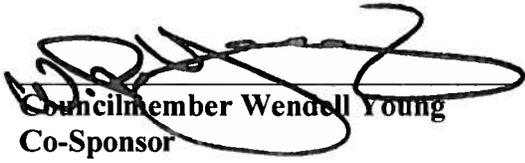
- The July 30<sup>th</sup> shooting of 4 year old Martaisha Thomas, who was in a crowd that police believe was sprayed with gun fire.
- The July 5<sup>th</sup> shooting of 6 year old China Kinebrew in the neighborhood of Avondale; who, according to reports, was not the primary target.
- The June 16<sup>th</sup> shooting in the neighborhood of Carthage; where 3 people were hit by gun fire and none were the apparent target(s).
- The June 15<sup>th</sup> shooting in North Avondale on Burton Avenue; where the shooter killed a young girl in an SUV and her two companions, innocent bystanders, according to reports, were injured.

The “Take it to the Streets Initiative” will work in conjunction with the Cincinnati Police Department and other agencies to assist in identifying youth 17 and under, as well as adults, who are responsible for random shootings in Cincinnati.

**In the “Take it to the Streets Initiative,” CIRV community outreach advocates will assist, especially with those who are 17 years and under, in linking these youth with the following:**

**SCOPE OF SERVICES OFFERED TO EACH YOUTH**

- Law Enforcement
- Juvenile Court
- Re-entry Programs
- Parents & Guardians
- Mental Health
- Social Services
- Schools
- Job Training and Employment
- Recreation
- Faith-Based Community
- Mentors (Team Real Men, Inc.)
- CIRV Outreach Advocates
- Foster Care
- Business Community



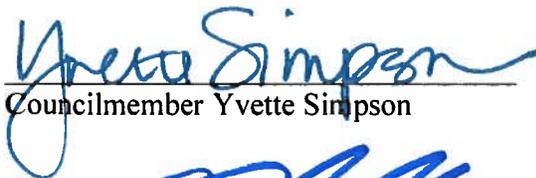
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