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RESOLUTION NO. 5 - 2016

RECOGNIZING Carl Westmoreland's lifelong contributions to the City of Cincinnati community, and expressing Council's deep appreciation for his nearly fifty year career as an urban historian of the City of Cincinnati community and his dedicated leadership in urban revitalization and preservation.

WHEREAS, Carl Westmoreland has been a leader in urban revitalization and preservation, from the grassroots community level to national and international arenas, and has served as a pioneer for the larger preservation movement, especially African-American historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Carl Westmoreland worked with the African-American Mount Auburn community and other community individuals to form the Mount Auburn Good Housing Foundation to renovate damaged buildings throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Carl Westmoreland was involved in the renovation of over 2000 homes and businesses and further provided technical assistance to other non-profit housing groups in Cincinnati and more than 90 other cities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Carl Westmoreland became the first African-American Trustee of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which led to his involvement in the Savannah Neighborhood Action Conference: Tenants and Landlords; and

WHEREAS, his work with the Savannah Neighborhood Action Conference: Tenants and Landlords brought together preservationists from all over the country to explore alternatives to deterioration and displacement in inner city neighborhoods and led to his nomination, in 1979, for the Rockefeller Foundation Award for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, his work in historic preservation led to his receipt of America's highest award for historic preservation, the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award; and

WHEREAS, Carl Westmoreland, who has lived the past 40 years in Cincinnati, never lost his dedication to his hometown or his interest in African-American history, which led him to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center ("Freedom Center"), where he became deeply involved in the founding and development of the Freedom Center, which opened its doors in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Carl Westmoreland currently serves as historian and curator for the Freedom Center's Slave Pen exhibit, which structure was used in Mason County, Kentucky in the 1800s as a temporary holding pen for enslaved persons, and he remains a large presence at

the Freedom Center and continues to research the history of African-Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Carl Westmoreland's vast experience with complicated issues of neighborhood politics, race relations, preservation and revitalization makes him one of the most valuable resources and leaders in historic preservation in the country, and he continues to inspire young preservationists of all races to this day; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize the lifelong contributions of Carl Westmoreland, and express their sincere appreciation for his furthering cultural heritage development and historic preservation for over 40 years.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be sent to Carl Westmoreland of Cincinnati via the Office of Councilmember Simpson.

Passed: February 3, 2016

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Yvette Simpson