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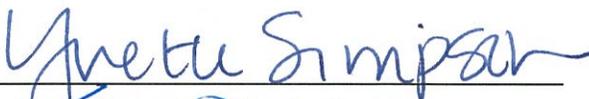
MOTION

WE MOVE that the Administration provide a comprehensive report on the background and history of the heroin epidemic, including an update on the recent spike in overdoses.

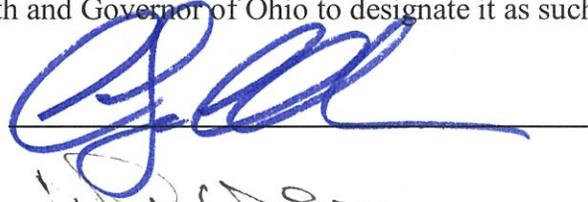
WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration include any short and long term recommendations in its report that City Council can expeditiously act upon.

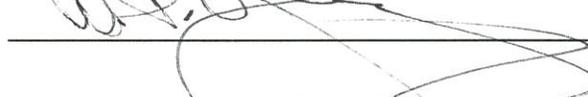
WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration contact treatment providers within the City in order to identify any gaps in the current treatment and recovery system, i.e. insufficient wrap-around services or insufficient follow-up with recovering addicts after they leave a facility.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the Administration approach the heroin epidemic as a true public health crisis and advocate to the Ohio Department of Health and Governor of Ohio to designate it as such.



Councilmember Yvette Simpson









STATEMENT

In recent years, Cincinnati has experienced a surge in heroin related overdoses. The epidemic has taken a significant toll on human life in our City. It has required the devotion of resources, time, and money. The City needs to do all it can to stem the surge in overdoses. This requires arming our emergency responders with all of the tools they need and partnering with treatment providers, not only in the short term, but in the long term as well. Coordinating efforts across agencies and providers is key to successfully curing the heroin epidemic.

In order to save lives and continue to improve Cincinnati, a long term solution needs to be found. The short term cannot be ignored, however, a long term and permanent solution is needed to save the most lives and the most resources.