

# Cincinnati Mayoral and City Council Candidates Questionnaire on Disability Topics

The survey questions below are intended to gauge the mayoral and City Council candidates' interest in and understanding of key issues that impact the lives of Cincinnatians with disabilities. The University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCCEDD) developed these questions through dialogue with collaborating partners across the city, professionals who work in the field of disability, and members of Cincinnati's disability community. We aim to collect these results and share them with voters through local media outlets. For purposes of publication, we ask that you keep your responses to around 50 words. We truly appreciate your time in completing this survey and will do our best to share your responses widely so Cincinnatians can learn more about your views related to disability.

Please submit survey responses by the 4:00EST on Friday, October 27 so they can be included in our dissemination of results.



Name of Candidate: \*

david mann

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Will you support the strategic effort to make all Cincinnati Recreation Centers physically accessible to all people? Only 12 out of the 23 Recreation Centers are accessible (does not include aquatic, athletic, and outdoor facilities)? \*

Yes

No

Will you support the expansion of the City's hiring goals for minorities to include an aspirational hiring goal of 7 % for people with disabilities? The current standard for cities that receive federal grants is 7%. \*

Yes

No

If you'd like to add more to your responses to the yes/no questions, please do so here:

Our beautiful daughter has worn hearing aids since she was 11 months old. She has been an inspiration to us and to all that know her throughout her 48 years. She is a social worker with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral and mother to three wonderful children.

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In what ways will you use City resources to create housing options that are affordable AND accessible for Cincinnatians with disabilities? \*

We have continued to increase accessibility requirements on city supported residential projects. We just created a so-called VTICA under which the maximum tax abatement on commercial projects will require 15% payments in lieu of taxes, half of which will go to a city-wide affordable housing fund. Over time, this stream of income will allow the city to have a real impact on incentivizing affordable housing.

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What are your goals for increasing affordable and accessible transportation options for Cincinnatians with disabilities? \*

The public transportation system must be revamped in many ways. A county-wide or region-wide funding plan must be sold to voters in our area. Any more taxes would be accompanied by a reduction in the city earnings tax, 0.3 % of which now funds SORTA. With more funds, I would hope that we can better meet the transportation needs of disabled citizens. Accessibility is one thing. Just important is making sure that service connects people to their needed destinations, whether work, healthcare or otherwise.

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In what ways will your office work with the Cincinnati Accessibility Board of Advisors (CABA) to increase ADA compliance in businesses across the city? \*

We need the CABA's expertise and advocacy and we need to listen seriously to what CABA has to say.

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How can the City of Cincinnati be more inclusive of people with disabilities and their families? \*

Fundamentally, the City must be mindful of the needs of all disabled citizens and take seriously the obligation to meet those needs in all that we do.

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Please feel free to share any other statements concerning issues affecting Cincinnatians with disabilities.

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