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.







Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

Name of Candidate: *

Derek Bauman

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)? *



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%. *



🔿 No

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

The city of Cincinnati should ensure a workforce that is inclusive and representative of our population and that includes those with disabilities. Additionally, all city facilities should be accessible.

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

We need to be purposeful about creating and requiring affordable housing opportunities particularly when developers receive city funds or abatements. Further we must ensure that any development that receives city financing must be fully accessible to all.

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

I am the Vice Chair of All Aboard Ohio, a statewide 501c3 dedicated to increasing public transportation options in Ohio. Further, as chair of the local NAACP branch Transportation Committee, I wrote the current NAACP national resolution calling Public Transportation a Civil Right. As another example, I led the effort last year to save the bus benches that were being removed across the city. As a strong advocate for public transit, I will do all that I can to ensure that we have the resources in our region to fund robust public transit for all people to be able to lead their daily lives without the necessity of a car.

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

It's my intent to work with CABA and all stakeholders, including hearing from individuals with disabilities as to what their needs are and how we can help to increase their access and ensure ADA compliance across the city.

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

The number one thing that we can do is substantially increase our investment in public transportation.

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

I look forward to working with all interested parties to make Cincinnati a safe, welcoming, inclusive and accessible place for all.

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