

# 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: \*

Tamaya Dennard

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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:

I would like to support the city doing more than the bare minimum. We should partner with supporting organizations, employers and area schools/universities to find out how we can exceed that standard.

The city also needs to do an audit on all its sidewalks and crosswalks. Sometimes sidewalks end with no warning creating very dangerous conditions for people in wheelchairs.

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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? \*

With our plan called 4,000 Doors, we are calling for the city to add 1,000 new doors of affordable and income-based housing each year of my term (4 years) on council. This including rental units and homeownership for everyone with an emphasis on special needs homes, transitional housing and homes for seniors. This includes housing for developers who receive city subsidies and also funds from an affordable housing trust fund, which I will help to champion.

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

I support and will campaign for the sales tax increase levy for SORTA on the 2018 ballot. This is the key to an equitable transportation system is adequate funding. I also would support a fleet of wheelchair accessible taxis in the City of Cincinnati. When everyone can get to where they need to go, the city benefits. Increased funding for our paratransit transportation options have to be made. Many people with disabilities don't even leave their homes due to limited transportation options.

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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? \*

Compliance enforcement is one of the most impactful ways the city can help the CABA. I will be responsive and dedicated to CABA, including regular meetings to stay on the pulse of the community needs.

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

Being on top of compliance enforcement issues is important and also supporting innovative way to assist that are informed by people who are most impacted - people with disabilities and their families.

I would like various city departments to sit down and talk with people impacted to see how the city can be as helpful as possible.

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

People with disabilities don't want special treatment. They want the same opportunities that everyone else has. We need city leadership who recognizes that we always have to think about what the implications are for every community, every single time. I vow to do just that.

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