

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: *

Tamie Sullivan

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:

In our community, it seems like Kroger is a corporate leader on this issue. While hiring goals are important, I would like to work with the business community to show the benefits of diversity being fully inclusive of people with disabilities.

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

The incoming City leadership is going to need to address the issue of affordable housing and our current shortage of 40,000 units. While these conversations are happening, we should include accessibility and Cincinnatians with disabilities, so they are not left behind.

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

Public transportation, primarily the Metro bus system, needs to be addressed regionally. Support needs to go beyond the City of Cincinnati to include Hamilton County, regional partners, business and others. Again, accessibility should be part of the discussion from the beginning.

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

As a candidate who received high marks on the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber scorecard as highly aligned with the Chamber in a number of categories, including transportation/infrastructure and talent/workforce/inclusion, ADA compliance is an issue that can and should be on the table.

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

There are a number of advocacy organizations that serve the disabilities community in so many ways. I would encourage partnering with them more.

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

This issue is personal for me. Without sharing my personal story, disabilities advocates can know that I have connection and will work with community however I can.

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