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Mayor Mallory and City Council Approve Contact for Youth Violence Program

Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence moves to implementation

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory and the Cincinnati City Council today unanimously approved the contract for CIRV (the Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence), a comprehensive community based approach to improving public safety. CIRV will target the most violent offenders in our community for both increased enforcement and increased support.

“CIRV is a targeted approach that brings together all aspects of our community to focus on putting an end to violent crime,” Mayor Mark Mallory said. “The violence that our community has experienced over the last several years is unacceptable. We must put all of our efforts into making our community safer.”

“I am happy that all nine members support this initiative. We can now get down to the business of attacking this problem head on,” Council Member Cecil Thomas, Chair of the Law and Public Safety Committee, said.

The new strategy is based on the work of Professor David Kennedy, a leading crime researcher out of Boston, and has been developed with the help of Dr. Victor Garcia of Children’s Hospital and Dr. Robin Engel and Dr. John Eck from UC. Similar approaches have been implemented in other cities and have lead to dramatic reductions in homicides.

The City is contracting with the University of Cincinnati, which is subcontracting with Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, and Professor Kennedy of John Jay College to administer CIRV, coordinate the efforts of Cincinnati’s law enforcement and social service agencies, and to evaluate the program. The one year contact will cost \$353,000 and is renewable for an additional year.

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