

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: *

Jeff Pastor

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:

We need to hire more people with disabilities not for federal grants, but because it is the right thing to do. We cannot see opportunities for the disabled as a way of getting federal money, we need to see it as an opportunity for Cincinnati to be a better city.

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

We need to create more affordable and accessible housing options by ensuring that we shut down slim housing operations and incentivize new developments to be not only affordable but also accessible. We must ensure that the new housing options do not exclude a portion of our population simply in the way they are built.

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

Any changes that are being made to public transportation must be done with disabled Cincinnatians in mind. We cannot spend hundreds of millions of dollars on transportation options that are not available to everyone.

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

Discussions with the CABA have to be integral to all of our decisions about constructions and renovations in the city. We need the insight from the CABA to ensure not only that we are ADA compliant but also to ensure that our choices lead to a more accessible city.

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

The City of Cincinnati can be more inclusive of people of disabilities by not overlooking them in our decision making process. By simply asking "how will this decision impact the disabled community of Cincinnati" and bringing them and their needs into the discussion we are making our city more inclusive.

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

Input from the disabled community and the community of Cincinnati as a whole is what will make this city greater and more accessible moving forward. What we need more than anything is for the people to be heard, and I want to be the candidate to speak for you and ensure your needs are met.

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