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### **Cincinnati to Host Comprehensive Plan Community Input Meetings**

*Citizens encouraged to provide vision for Cincinnati's future!*

***Have a vision for Cincinnati's future development?*** If so, the Department of City Planning and Buildings invites you to attend one of four community meetings held in late September and throughout October to provide input for the City's first Comprehensive Plan in 30 years.

***What is a Comprehensive Plan?*** A Comprehensive Plan is a plan that will guide the City's neighborhood and business growth for the next 10 to 20 years. The plan contains specific recommendations that enable the City to better understand current development and plan for future improvements. As a vision for the City's future, the Plan recommends policies, prioritizes key projects, and determines implementation partners on a City-wide basis.

Additionally, an updated Comprehensive Plan allows the City to better manage and strategically apply its resources. "The development of a Comprehensive Plan for a large city like Cincinnati will act as the primary guide for the physical development of the City for many years to come," said Charles C. Graves III, Director of City Planning and Buildings.

***The input and brainstorming process will take place at four community meetings.*** The community meetings represent a critical step in the approximately 18-month comprehensive planning process, as information generated from the meetings will provide the basis for the content of the Plan. Participants will begin to identify the greatest issues and opportunities to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. The meetings are also designed to coordinate with the Neighborhood Summit, which will take place in early 2010 and be devoted entirely to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Information gathered at the community input meetings will provide direction for the Neighborhood Summit and act as the building blocks for the formulation of goals for the Comprehensive Plan, which will be established during the Neighborhood Summit. "It is critical for community members interested in the physical development of the City of Cincinnati to actively engage in the planning process. The completed Comprehensive Plan will, in large part, be a product of those who choose to be involved," said Graves. "The time is right for Cincinnati to critically analyze our challenges and strengths, and establish goals that will guide the future development of our City."

***Attend a community meeting at one of the following locations:***

September 30, 2009, 6 p.m. – Corryville Recreation Center  
October 5, 2009, 6 p.m. – Price Hill Recreation Center  
October 15, 2009, 6 p.m. – College Hill Recreation Center  
October 22, 2009, 6 p.m. . – Madisonville Recreation Center

For more information, visit the Plan Cincinnati website at [www.plancincinnati.org](http://www.plancincinnati.org) or call 513-352-4845.