



Clifton Town

Meeting

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**Clifton Business
Association**

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Sent Electronically:

Re: Police Details Clifton Business District

Dear Members of Cincinnati City Council:

Clifton Business District has been challenged this year by an increase in illegal activities, some reported, that have strained our community both psychologically and financially. We have created, once again in 2023, a fundraising effort to raise money to hire regular police details to patrol the business district several times per week. Last year these details were very effective in diffusing tense situations and demonstrating to our citizens that we cared about their well-being.

We are thrilled to report that we have raised about \$25,000 toward this effort. As you may know, a police detail costs \$75 per hour - \$50 for the officer and \$25 for a car that is parked in the business district during the shift. The presence of a car is a very good decoy, but its cost doesn't really represent an expense for the City and seems exploitive for the community.

In a spirit of partnership with Cincinnati's community councils that already give so much in volunteering and fundraising for the quality of life in their neighborhoods, we ask you to consider elimination of the car fee (\$25) for all community-funded details and events. The police fleet should be paid for on the backs of our dedicated residents, business owners and volunteers.

Sincerely,

Gérald Checco,
*Clifton Town Meeting
President*

Mike Anagnostou
*Clifton Business Association
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