2017 Update on America’s Opportunity City
PUBLIC SAFETY
- Launched the Comprehensive Neighborhood Safety Strategy based on community feedback, insights from law enforcement professionals, and data-driven practices from other cities.
- Employed and trained community members to help select new police and fire recruits.
- Hired 73 new police officers and 80 new firefighters.
- Opened rebuilt downtown fire station No. 2.
- Began design of new Northside police substation and the first new fire station built in 15 years.
- Provided all new police recruits with Crisis Intervention Team Training and deployed 575 body-worn cameras.
- Launched new Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, in collaboration with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, to provide social services, workforce development assistance and employment as an alternative to a life of crime.
- Re-established the Teens and Police Service Academy, where at-risk youth partner with police officers and focus on responsible decision making and building positive relationships.
- Modified EMS response to better utilize personnel and place six additional medic units, one ladder truck, and one engine in service, decreasing response times and improving patient care.
- Set up Internet Purchase Zones at five police substations, making online transactions safer; installed safety cameras in nine neighborhoods, increasing the total to 222 cameras citywide.

NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- Worked with the Neighborhood Design Center and members of the community to develop a community plan for Linden.
- Demolished 299 blighted properties.
- Invested $1.4 million in new sidewalks, including completion of Joyce Avenue project in Linden.
- Implemented water treatment upgrades at Hap Cremeans and Dublin Road plants to improve water quality throughout the city.
- Worked to incentivize investment in affordable housing, adding nearly 500 affordable rental units.
Neighborhoods & Community Development, continued

- Signed a first of its kind Community Benefits Agreement with members of the building construction unions. This enhances cooperation between workers and the city and offers benefits for the community, such as apprenticeships, focused job recruitment and diversity and inclusion plans.
- The 311 Call Center received 360,000 requests and answered 86% of all calls within 20 seconds.
- Awarded 37 Columbus Neighborhood Community Grants totaling $22,000 for National Night Out, health literacy, domestic violence prevention and anti-bullying activities.
- Awarded $47,500 to 19 active Area Commissions.
- Hosted three Neighborhood Pride events in the Far East, Linden and Hilltop neighborhoods, and served meals to over 1,000 people.
- Hosted the My Brother’s Keeper Summit and Conference for young men of color.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Completed 25 business expansion projects that will leverage over $275 million in private sector investments. These projects add 1,300 new jobs and $191 million in new payroll.
- Added 1.9 million square feet of additional office space in the Far East, South Side and Franklinton.
- Awarded nearly $600,000 in business revitalization grants and small business loans.
- Added online permitting to Building and Zoning Services to make obtaining permits easier and more efficient.
- Created a new partnership with Columbus City Schools and the Building Trades Education Fund, and contributed $500,000 to encourage young people to get into building trades.
- Completed an incentives study and held community meetings to construct meaningful policy changes to encourage growth in our opportunity neighborhoods.

MOBILITY & TRANSPORTATION

- Worked with COTA to launch the Transit System Redesign to make bus service more effective for residents, which includes CMAX that connects residents along Cleveland Avenue between Downtown and Polaris.
Mobility & Transportation, continued

- Purchased 93 electric vehicles for the city as part of the Smart Columbus initiative.
- Hosted 11 test-drives which gave over residents the opportunity to experience electric vehicles in an effort to encourage purchasing electric, instead of gas vehicles.
- Led Linden community engagement session focused on how Smart Columbus will improve mobility and provide new opportunities for the neighborhood.
- Spent nearly $33 million on road resurfacing throughout the city.

PUBLIC HEALTH

- Launched the Franklin County Opiate Action Plan – a comprehensive approach to battling the opiate epidemic – in collaboration with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Columbus City Council, and the Franklin County ADAMH Board.
- Established the Rapid Response Emergency Addiction and Crisis Team (RREACT) in partnership with Franklin County ADAMH, that dispatches mental health nurses and outreach coordinators to link those struggling with addiction to resources and treatment to prevent overdoses.
- Began community education on opioids and naloxone training for community members.
- Collected 152 pounds of medications.
- Collected 10,400 syringes.
- Launched the Columbus Needle Disposal Initiative.
- Sent the CARE Coalition to 1,480 homes in Linden and the Hilltop to help the communities deal with violence trauma.
- Implemented Tobacco 21 that restricts the sale of tobacco products to anyone under 21.
- Gave 29,879 immunizations to protect residents from vaccine-preventable diseases.
- Enrolled 148 smoking pregnant women in Baby & Me Tobacco Free.
- Distributed 1,368 cribs.
- In partnership with CelebrateOne, trained 628 Safe Sleep Ambassadors in the ABCs of safe sleep (Alone, on their Back, in a Crib).
- Completed 8,200 home visits of new and expectant mothers.
CELEBRATE ONE

- Reduced infant sleep related deaths by 46% from 2016, resulting in 12 babies saved.
- Through the StepOne program, increased the number of prenatal appointments scheduled for pregnant women to 4,793 (39%).
- Served 13,525 women through the 2017 Community Connector Corps with 24 Community Health Workers.
- Distributed 2,100 SleepSacks to new mothers who gave birth in Franklin County hospitals.
- 574 moms attended 4,156 sessions at eight Moms2B locations, receiving prenatal and social support which contribute to healthy births.
- 1,008 downloads of the CelebrateLinden Mobile App that connects residents to community resources.
- 24 churches focused on Safe Sleep practices during the month of September, Infant Mortality Awareness Month, reaching thousands of families.

PRE-K EDUCATION

- Invested in high quality early learning programs to benefit over 900 4-year olds.
- Convened the Hilltop Early Childhood Partnership which has released a report with recommendations on how to reach our goal to double the number of children enrolled in high quality pre-K programs by 2020.
- Hosted four pre-K Connection Fairs, in collaboration with Action For Children, to connect families to pre-K opportunities in their neighborhoods.
- In collaboration with Columbus State Community College and Action for Children, provided opportunities for 150 early learning teachers to receive Child Development Associate (CDA) training.
- Worked with The Ohio State University in the development of the Teacher Pipeline that provided 16 pre-K teachers scholarships to earn the Bachelor of Arts in early childhood education.
- Hosted a first ever First Star Seminar that provided child care providers the opportunity to receive guidance and support for their Step Up to Quality application process.
COLUMBUS WOMEN’S COMMISSION

• Under the leadership of First Lady Shannon Ginther, seated the first Columbus Women’s Commission.
• Launched the Columbus Commitment: Achieving Pay Equity, and signed 89 organizations on to work toward pay equity within their businesses.
• Researched the root causes of issues facing women in Columbus, specifically regarding eviction and workforce opportunities.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

• Signed an executive order reaffirming and expanding the city’s policies on immigration.
• Establish implicit bias training for City of Columbus employees.
• Launched a disparity study to learn what may be necessary to assure equal access to City of Columbus contracts for minority- and women-owned businesses.
• Hosted the Ohio Municipalities Business Conference which drew more than 500 attendees and exhibitors from across the state to provide tips, resources and business opportunities for start-ups, entrepreneurs and small business owners.

RECREATION AND PARKS

• Served more than 500,000 meals to children during the summer in GoLunch!
• Hosted a variety of educational, arts and recreation activities whenever school was not in session to give families the opportunity to have safe and healthy winter, spring and summer breaks.
• Offered specific Applications for Purpose, Pride and Success (APPS) programming during the school breaks at target locations (Beatty, Douglas, Glenwood and Linden Community Centers).
• Hosted the first African American Cultural Festival and the first WinterFest.
• Opened the Wyandot Lodge at the McKnight Outdoor Education Center, becoming the first non-residential, certified net-zero energy project in Ohio.
• Opened the Lashutka Event Center, renovating one of the oldest buildings in Columbus into an event space.
A MESSAGE FROM
MAYOR ANDREW J. GINther

In 2017, I laid out ambitious plans for our City to achieve a tangible, long-lasting impact on the lives of all of our residents. We set clear goals to ensure that every family in every neighborhood is sharing in the success that is Columbus.

This was not a one-year agenda; the work continues every day. I want to recognize the work the community has already accomplished together.

Sincerely,

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