

## **COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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**TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION LAB:** Council President [Shannon Hardin](#), Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) and Councilmember [Emmanuel Remy](#) are sponsoring ordinance 2867-2018 to enter into a grant agreement with The Purple Aisle in support of the Transportation Innovation Lab. The Purple Aisle is a bi-partisan nonprofit that organizes and facilitates innovation labs to tackle civic problems. The Purple Aisle has previously hosted labs that focused on immigration and workforce, gentrification and affordable housing, and criminal justice reform. Council will be joined in its support of The Purple Aisle with additional funding from The Ohio State University, COTA, the Columbus Partnership and other private partners.

**BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES:** Council President Pro Tem [Michael Stinziano](#) is sponsoring an ordinance in support of the Ohio Asian American Health Coalition (OAAHC) RISE program. The program goal is to educate the community on the concept of RISE: Reduce (fat, weight, stress), Increase (fiber, antioxidants), Sleep and Exercise. Through the promotion of health screening and the fostering of healthier choices, the OAAHC hopes to improve the overall health among the Asian and Asian-American communities in Columbus. Asians and Asian-Americans are one of the largest communities in Central Ohio and one which is afflicted with higher-than-average rates of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

**SUPPORTING CHILDREN THROUGH AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS:** Councilmember [Elizabeth Brown](#) is sponsoring resolution 0318X-2018 to recognize the importance of afterschool programs for children, families, and communities in Columbus. Since 2000, City Council has funded the Capital Kids Program to provide students with a safe place to learn and play once the school day is over through providing healthy food, academic assistance, and enrichment activities.



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**REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Councilmember [Jaiza Page](#), chair of the Housing Committee is presenting resolution 0315x-2018 to commemorate Homes on the Hill, Community Development Corporation on 25 years of service and advocating for affordable housing in Southwestern Franklin County. Homes on the Hill, Community Development Corporation was founded in 1993 as a not-for-profit organization that develops affordable housing and offers housing counseling services. It has an accomplished record of home rehabilitation and new homes for sales to low- and moderate-income families.

**SUPPORTING FIRE SAFETY FOR SENIORS:** Councilmember [Mitchell J. Brown](#), chair of the Public Safety Committee is sponsoring ordinance 2603-2018 to accept a grant from the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant program to purchase Knox Boxes, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. The Columbus Division of Fire is creating a comprehensive fire safety campaign for older adults, featuring in-home smoke alarm, carbon monoxide alarm installations, rapid key entry and home safety inspections, as an extension of its current door-to-door efforts.

**FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE SAFE POINT PROGRAM:** Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#), chair of the Health and Human Services Committee is sponsoring ordinance 1822-2018 to accept a grant from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to supplement the Safe Point program in the amount of \$100,000.00. The funds will allow Equitas Health to continue to provide harm reduction programs. The services include access to Naloxone, a lifesaving drug provided by Equitas Health for clients at high risk of death from an accidental overdose. During 2017, Safe Point provided services to 3,139 individual clients. A total of 1,315 lives were known to have been saved from Naloxone that was acquired through the Safe Point program.

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