



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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CARING FOR OLDER ADULTS: The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA) helps Columbus seniors lead safe and independent lives. Ordinance 1944-2014, sponsored by Recreation and Parks Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#), authorizes 30 community services contracts worth \$6,725,000 to provide meals, adult day care, homemaker, personal care, transportation, home repair, and legal services in 2015. COAAA helps approximately 40,000 older adults in Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties.

SAFE HOUSING: Development Committee Chair [Michelle M. Mills](#) is sponsoring ordinance 2052-2014 to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,152,775 from the Housing Preservation Fund to increase the local supply of decent, safe, and sanitary housing and decrease the number of vacant properties in our neighborhoods. The funds will provide homebuyers, renters, and for-profit and non-profit developers with grants for residential projects, including both affordable and market-rate housing.

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION: Public Safety & Judiciary Committee Chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1876-2014, to continue a work release program with Alvis House that provides an alternative to incarceration. Alvis House is a non-profit human services agency that provides re-entry and transitional assistance to individuals

and families who have been affected by incarceration. The organization provides education, treatment, life skills, and other research-based programs that help clients rebuild their lives, strengthen their families, and become contributing members of the community.

HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: Councilmember [Priscilla Tyson](#) is sponsoring resolution 0160X-2014, to recognize September as Hispanic Heritage Month in Columbus and to honor the Latin American Space for Enrichment and Research (LASER) at The Ohio State University for their work to build an inclusive community. LASER provides mentorship services to our growing population of Latino students and helps prepare them for undergraduate and graduate education.

INNOVATION ASSESSMENT: Councilmember [A. Troy Miller](#) will host a presentation on a feasibility study for creating an Innovation District in Columbus. Councilmember Miller funded the study to assess the possible creation of an urban core for Columbus entrepreneurs to tie together the many important people, entities, partners, vendors, customers, and supporters involved in entrepreneurial and innovative activities throughout the Columbus region.

CELEBRATING THE COLUMBUS GAY MEN'S CHORUS: Councilmember [Eileen Paley](#) is sponsoring resolution 0154X-2014, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus. The chorus performs vocal music of the highest quality in the finest tradition of men's choral singing, and its performances and community outreach foster greater recognition, understanding, and acceptance of the LGBT community.