



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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SAFE COMMUNITIES: Health and Human Services Committee chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1997-2014 to allow the City of Columbus to accept a \$125,000 grant to fund the Safe Communities program. Safe Communities provides expanded traffic safety services through safety awareness and education forums in Columbus and Franklin County.

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE: Public Safety and Judiciary Committee chair [Zach M. Klein](#) is sponsoring ordinance 1911-2014 to accept a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, via the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs. The JAG program provides funding to allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. The JAG award will be used for the purchase of expert system software to enable police crime lab personnel to more efficiently process DNA samples with multiple sources. The \$69,000 award includes funding for personnel training in the use of the system, as well as software support and upgrades.

GREAT PLACEMAKERS LAB: The Columbus City Council is investing in programs that help create strong leaders in Columbus neighborhoods. Councilmember [Michelle M. Mills](#) is co-sponsoring,

along with Councilmember Paley, ordinance 2106-2014 to allow Council to spend \$5,000 from the Neighborhood Initiatives Fund to pay for scholarships for residents to attend the 2014 Great Placemakers Lab. The conference, which begins next Tuesday, helps community leaders build stronger, more successful neighborhoods. For more information on the conference, including the scholarship opportunities, call German Village Society Executive Director Shiloh Todorov at 787-7129.

ONE COMMUNITY: Councilmember [Eileen Y. Paley](#), chair of the Administration Committee, is hosting a One Community One City event focusing on combating drug houses in neighborhoods. The meeting, sponsored by the Columbus Community Relations Commission and featuring Columbus Division of Police Commander Gary Cameron, is taking place Thursday, September 18, 6-7:30 pm at the Milo Grogan Community Recreation Center, 862 East 2nd Avenue. For more information, call 645-1950 or 645-1952.

COUNCIL VACANCY: City Council President [Andrew J. Ginther](#) reminds all Columbus residents that applications to fill a pending vacancy on Council are due Friday, September 19. Applicants must submit eight (8) copies of a resume and a narrative of no more than 500 words describing the greatest challenges and opportunities facing Columbus. Application materials must be accepted and time-stamped by the office of the Columbus City Clerk located in City Hall, 90 West Broad Street, Room 231, Columbus, OH 43215 by Friday at 12:00 pm.