



COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Highlights for March 31, 2008

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CRIME PATROL KEEPS NEIGHBORHOODS SAFER: For 16 years Community Crime Patrol (CCP) has assisted Columbus Police in monitoring our neighborhoods and watching for signs of potential criminal activity. Public Safety Committee Chair [Andrew J. Ginther](#) continues the City's annual support of CCP by sponsoring *ordinance 0476-2008* to enter into a \$433,000 contract for trained staff to patrol the Hilltop, Franklinton, Merion Village, and Ohio State University areas, as well as several area bike paths. The contract will last through February 29, 2009.

SUPPORT FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES: The arts remain a pivotal component of the Columbus economy and every year the non-profit Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) administers the City's funding of the arts community. Administration Committee Chair [Priscilla R. Tyson](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0256-2008* to allocate \$4,074,000 from the hotel/motel excise tax to GCAC.

Councilmember Tyson joined her colleagues Maryellen O'Shaughnessy and Hearcel Craig, along with GCAC, to announce the artist live/work survey developed by *Artspace*, a Minneapolis-based non-profit development group. The on-line survey will be used to determine the demand for a live/work space for emerging artists. Columbus City Council, JPMorgan Chase and Columbus Downtown Development Corporation have joined together to fund the survey, which can be accessed at www.columbusartspace.org

COUNCIL HELPING PROMOTE SCIENCE EDUCATION: City Council continues to support COSI's efforts to provide interesting and innovative ways to introduce science to students and families. Finance Committee Chair [Kevin L. Boyce](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0460-2008* to allocate a total of \$1,000,000 to support COSI's early childhood development education efforts, family learning opportunities, and interactive science, math and technology activities. This legislation fulfills Council's commitment to invest in COSI's new business model in 2007 and 2008.

GENDER ROAD TRAFFIC STUDY: The City of Columbus and the Village of Canal Winchester are joining together to conduct a study to address traffic flow and safety measures in the Gender Road corridor. *Ordinance 0384-2008*, sponsored by Public Service Committee Chair [Maryellen O'Shaughnessy](#), will authorize the expenditure of \$12,250 to conduct the Gender Road study from the U.S. 33 interchange to north of Lehman Road. Columbus and Canal Winchester are both responsible for 50% of the cost of this study.

SAVING HOMES ON THE SOUTH SIDE: The World Changers Project is a neighborhood home repair initiative that will benefit up to 25 homes on the South Side through the work of youth and adult volunteers. Health, Housing and Human Services Committee Chair [Charleta B. Tavares](#) is sponsoring *ordinance 0502-2008* to enter into a \$100,000 contract with World Changers to undertake the prevention/preservation components of the Home Again Initiative. World Changers organizes hundreds of volunteers to perform home repairs for low-income households in cities across the United States.

CRAIG FIGHTS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE: *Prevent Child Abuse Ohio* serves as an expert resource for collaboration, information and education to prevent the abuse and neglect of children across the state. To help the organization raise community awareness of child abuse and how to prevent it, Judiciary and Court Administration Committee Chair [Hearcel F. Craig](#) is co-sponsoring *resolution 0063X-2008* with Councilmember [Andrew J. Ginther](#) to support the "88 in '08" Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. Craig and Ginther joined other community leaders at this year's annual Pinwheels for Prevention event held at Nationwide Children's Hospital to raise awareness for this important cause.

MENTEL PARTICIPATING IN BUSINESS MISSION TO ISRAEL: More than two dozen community and business leaders will be joining Council President [Michael C. Mentel](#) and Mayor Michael B. Coleman on the City's trade mission to Israel. The Columbus delegation leaves April 3 and will travel to Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv and Herzliya, a Columbus *Sister City*. Participants will tour high-tech companies and meet with potential business partners as they promote the benefits of Israeli companies establishing a foothold in the U.S. market through the City of Columbus.