



District 9 News

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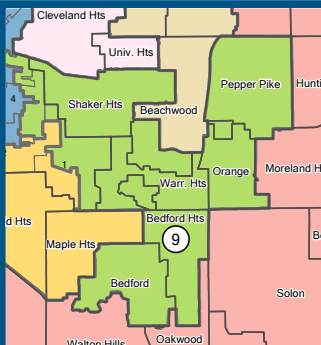
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A Message from... Councilmember Meredith Turner

Dear Cuyahoga County Residents,

I hope you are well and ready for warmer weather as spring approaches. Spring reminds me of a time of renewal and growth when nature comes back to life, and we can be outside enjoying the fresh air. I am taking this opportunity to share information with you about what I've been up to and what County Council as a whole has accomplished over the past few months.

Please know that I value your thoughts and will continue to be a strong advocate for you, our district, and Cuyahoga County. Keeping our neighborhoods stable, our businesses strong and our citizens safe will always be my highest priority.

I hope to see some of you out and about in the community and wish you a revitalizing spring season!

All my best,

Meredith M. Turner

2023 - 2024 Accomplishments:

Approved over \$500K in American Rescue Plan Act Dollars for District 9 including:

Supported the Alpha Omega Foundation	\$10,000.00
Supported Bessie's Angels	\$10,000.00
Supported Birthing Beautiful Communities	\$10,000.00
Supported the Black Child Development Institute - Ohio	\$10,000.00
Supported the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking	\$10,000.00
Supported the Delta Alpha Lambda Foundation	\$20,000.00
Supported the Devin Moore Heart Foundation	\$10,000.00
Supported the Dunnican Foundation	\$10,000.00
Supported Enlightened Solutions	\$10,000.00
Supported the Gamma Alpha Sigma Education Foundation	\$20,000.00
Supported Habitat for Humanity	\$250,000.00
Supported the Impact Youth Incorporated	\$20,000.00
Supported Lee Road Baptist Church	\$10,000.00
Supported the Linking Partnership Opportunities Foundation	\$10,000.00
Supported Music Through the Streets	\$10,000.00
Supported the NAACP Cleveland Branch	\$10,000.00
Supported the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)	\$20,000.00
Supported Ohio Voice	\$10,000.00
Supported the Rid-All Foundation	\$30,000.00
Supported Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, INC.	\$3,000.00
Supported Building & Leveraging Opportunities	\$30,000.00
Supported the Diaper Bank of Greater Cleveland	\$10,000.00
Supported the Joseph Legacy / Momentous Mentoring	\$10,000.00
Supported the Salvation Army	\$10,000.00
Supported the Shaker School Foundation	\$10,000.00
Supported the Zega Omega Foundation	\$20,000.00
Supported the Dept of Development Housing Fund	\$250,000.00

Collaboration:

A dream for a home of their own became a reality for a local family, thanks to The Building and Leveraging Opportunities (BLO) Foundation (known by its fraternal name Beta Lambda Omega), a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming lives and revitalizing communities through



impactful programs like its #ProjectFreshStart initiative. The Cuyahoga Land Bank and I were just two of the many partners that helped make this dream a reality.



In December 2023, Cuyahoga County announced that the Cleveland Christian Home will be the future home of its Child Wellness Campus. The west-side home has been around since 1900 and is operated by The Centers, formally known as The Centers for Family and Children. The emergency childcare center will be expanded so it can offer physical, mental, and behavioral health services for youth who are involved with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).



In September 2023, Cuyahoga County Council took the next step toward building a new jail, voting to approve an ordinance to purchase 72 acres of undeveloped land for the construction of a new jail and central services campus in Garfield Heights.

The campus will be better suited to address underlying issues among the inmate population, including recidivism, mental illness, and reentry back into our communities.

The new campus will also be funded by an extension of .25% sales tax that was due to expire in 2027.

Health and Human Services Levy

As a member of the Cuyahoga County Health, Human Services, and Aging Committee, I'd like to take this opportunity to provide you with important information on the Health & Human Services levy that all county residents will vote on in March 2024.

The last 4.8 mill levy was passed in 2016 and spanned 8 years. Cuyahoga County is committed to ensuring children are safe, the elderly are supported in their homes, healthcare is accessible, and families in poverty are linked with programs that provide childcare and nutritional support. Children, the elderly, and families in crisis are the primary beneficiaries of programs and services supported by the Health and Human Services levy.

The HHS levy on the ballot in March is a renewal and not an increase. The County will continue to fund these critical services for our most vulnerable neighbors without you paying more in taxes.



Women's Health Advisory Council

The Women's Advisory Council was established in September 2023 and announced at a press conference on the MetroHealth Main Campus.

The Women's Advisory Council will offer policy recommendations and support programming to improve access and health outcomes for women. Appointees will focus on all facets of services for women's health, including reproductive and maternal health. The Council will serve as a resource for crisis response around the status of reproductive rights in Ohio.



The Advisory Council on Women's Health will meet quarterly. It will consist of 13 members, four of whom will be the County Executive, the President of the County Council, the Director of Health and Human Services, and the President of the MetroHealth System. The remaining nine seats will be filled by healthcare providers, the legal community, community-based organizations, and those with lived experience.

Cleveland is the second worst city for health outcomes for black women. The creation of this council will help us ensure that women of color are listened to and not left behind when it comes to matters of healthcare.



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Councilwoman Turner is the Chair of the *Human Resources, Appointments and Equity Committee*, and is a member of the *Finance & Budgeting Committee*, the *Public Works, Procurement and Contracting Committee* and the *Health, Human Services and Aging Committee*.

Board of Elections	216.443.8683
Board of Health	216.201.2000
Child Abuse Hotline	216-696.5437
Child Support Services	216.443.5100
CMHA	216.348.5000
Food Assistance/Medicaid	216.987.7000
Home Repair Loan Program	216.348.4066
Jury Duty	216.443.8625
MetroHealth	216.778.7800
Homeless Services	216.420.6844
Ohio Means Jobs	216.777.8200
Sheriff's Office	216.443.6000
RTA	216.621.9500
Veterans Services	216.698.2600

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Attend a regular Council meeting – 5pm, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

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