

Collaborative Agreement Refresh

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Dear Mayor Pureval and
Members of City Council,

This is to recommend that the city, as a priority, update the Collaborative Agreement "Refresh," with a **new, formally adopted agreement**. The original Collaborative Agreement is more than 20 years old and is no longer legally binding. The "Refresh," does not seem to be currently well-defined, clearly documented, nor commonly understood. In fact, there is no formal agreement of any type any longer.

I have attached a memorandum dated August 12, 2019, sent at the time, to the mayor and council, by then City Manager Patrick A. Duhaney. The memo is styled as "Collaborative Agreement 'Refresh' Update and Path Forward." Mr. Duhaney's announcement followed substantial work by Saul Green, the federal court-appointed monitor for the original settlement. Under a new contract, Mr. Green produced 3 reports in 2018 evaluating the status the city's Refresh.

The memo included a 16-page attachment dated July 30, 2019, titled, "City of Cincinnati, Office of the City Manager, 2019 Refresh Program Plan Update." The plan was developed by the city's former Collaborative Agreement Sustainability Manager. There does not appear to be any publicly available updates about the city's implementation of the 2019 plan.

Since 2020, except for recognizing the 20th anniversary of the agreement, there is little information on the city's website about the current status of the Collaborative Agreement nor the "Refresh." The CPD stopped publicly updating it's "Collaborative Agreement Timeline," in February 2020. And the city manager stopped publicly updating the website for the Management Advisory Group, a year earlier in February 2019.

The city's May 4, 2023, contract with Iris Roley LLC includes several deliverables, one of which requires:

Drafting and delivering a summary report to the city manager regarding the status of the 2017 Collaborative Refresh recommendations that have been accomplished and those that are outstanding and working collaboratively with the incoming Chief of Police and the incoming City Manager to develop a facilitative plan moving forward.

Since the contract requirement is nearly 2 ½ years old, the "summary report" and "facilitative plan" should at least be available to the city council even though the documents have not yet been released in response to my records request.

The 2019 plan along with the summary report and facilitative plan required by the city's contract with Iris Roley, LLC could serve as key source documents in a formal "Refresh" agreement.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss or if you think there is a role that I could play in developing such a formal "Refresh" agreement.

Respectively,

Todd Zinser



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