

DRAFT FOREST PARK RESOLUTION NO. 66-2008

EXPRESSING the support of the Council of the City of Forest Park for the Greater Cincinnati Commitment ("Commitment").

WHEREAS, the Commitment was created and adopted by the Cincinnati Association as a tool to improve race relations throughout Greater Cincinnati following the unrest in the City of Cincinnati in 2001; and

WHEREAS, over the next few years the Commitment evolved to more broadly address the issue of discrimination and prejudice of any kind; and

WHEREAS, some 300 individuals and organizations have signed the Commitment, and in 2008 support for the Commitment was expanded to include the following sixteen additional organizations (who, along with the Cincinnati Association, are called "the Alliance"): American Jewish Committee; Bridges For A Just Community; Center For Islamic Studies; Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce-Agenda 360; Cincinnati Human Relations Commission; Citizens for Civic Renewal (CCR); Equality Cincinnati; Faith Community Alliance of Greater Cincinnati; Hamilton County Regional Planning; Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME); League of Women Voters; Metropolitan Coalition of Churches (MARCC); Urban Appalachian Council; Urban League; Woman's City Club; and the YMCA; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance has a goal of having the Commitment adopted throughout the Greater Cincinnati region; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Park Historical Society has reviewed and approved the Commitment; and

WHEREAS, the **Greater Cincinnati Commitment** reads as follows:

I believe the full greatness of our city, our region and our nation will only be achieved when every individual has a full and unrestricted opportunity to learn, grow and contribute to the community with all the potential of their innate personal gifts.

I believe that in this new millennium we can and we must move forward to remove the vestiges of racism and other forms of discrimination from our city, our country and our individual lives.

In this spirit, I make this commitment:

I commit to use my individual strength to eliminate discriminatory behaviors, policies and practices from my community.

I commit to openly and intentionally seek to open doors that will ensure everyone the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I commit to embrace diversity and seek equity for all members of the human family; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cincinnati Commitment was inspired by the Birmingham Pledge which now has about 150,000 signatures; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Forest Park, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Forest Park City Council hereby expresses its support for the Greater Cincinnati Commitment

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: December 15, 2008