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What are the most important traits in the next Cincinnati Chief of Police? You tell us!

Cincinnati, OH—With Cincinnati Police Chief Thomas Streicher planning to retire next year, the City of Cincinnati Administration is in the early stages of planning the recruitment process for the next leader of the police department. City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. wants to better understand the citizen point of view on the attributes most desired in the next police chief.

Residents are invited to provide their opinions by taking a short online survey available at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/chiefsurvey from September 14 through October 4, 2010. Residents will assess an initial list of 10 attributes desired in a candidate. They can also add to the list.

This input will help inform the selection of the next Chief so he/she will be ideally suited for the challenge of leading an urban police force in working with residents to improve public safety in the 52 neighborhoods of Cincinnati.

"We can all agree that the individual we are looking to hire as our next Police Chief must possess unquestionable integrity. This person must also have the ability to communicate and interact fairly and impartially with members of our community—regardless of socio-economic background, ethnicity or race," Dohoney said.

"This process recognizes that it's important to give citizens an opportunity to share their viewpoints, though the ultimate decision rests with me," Dohoney said. "Cincinnati Police work with the community every day to tackle public safety issues through community-oriented policing and creative problem solving. I am confident we will be more successful in this search if we listen to community residents before we establish the qualities and accomplishments the next Chief must demonstrate," Dohoney continued.

The Chief's responsibility is to lead the Police Department in the effort to reduce crime and improve safety in the City which covers an area that is approximately 78 square miles. The Cincinnati Police Department is comprised of 1,057 sworn officers and 281 civilian employees.

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