

A Word from the Mayor



Dear Cincinnati,

As the state, national, and international communities work to tackle the causes and effects of global climate change, it is pivotal that we take local action to reduce emissions, conserve natural resources, adapt our infrastructure, and build a resilient Cincinnati for the next generation. After all, cities like ours are the perfect communities to bring climate action to life—big enough to understand real-time impacts, yet nimble enough to get things done.

Cincinnati has long been recognized as a leader in the environmental field. We were named the nation's Most Sustainable City twice since 2018 by *Site Selection Magazine*, #2 for Urban Agriculture by *Best Cities for Urban Gardening*, and 4th out of the top 100 Cities with the Best Parks by the Trust for Public Lands. We have so much to be proud of, yet there is still plenty of work to do.

When it comes down to it, climate change is a risk multiplier—Black, Brown, and low-income communities in our city experience the effects of climate change first and worst. Thus, this crisis presents a dual opportunity—a chance to build a new economy around clean energy and green technologies, create

thousands of new jobs, and invigorate our city, while putting equity and the communities most impacted in the center of the frame. With decisive and intentional action, strong leadership, and creative solutions, we can build upon the progress we've made and establish ourselves as a climate change role model for cities around the world.

I am proud of what our City and residents have worked together to produce in the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan that follows. As your Mayor, I join City leaders and our many partners in a shared commitment to doing what it takes to accomplish the vision set forth. I want to thank everyone who has helped prepare this Plan, and I call on all Cincinnatians to help us make the 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan a reality.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aftab Pureval'.

Mayor Aftab Pureval