

Greg Landsman is a leader in the defund-the-police movement. He voted to pull millions of dollars from the Cincinnati Police Department, a decision that has made our streets more violent.

Greg Landsman Introduced A Plan To Take Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars Away From The Cincinnati Police, And Give It To “An Independent Organization That Looks Into Complaints Against Police Officers”

In 2020, Greg Landsman Wanted \$200,000 To Be Taken From The Cincinnati Police Department And Given To “An Independent Organization That Looks Into Complaints Against Police Officers.” “Landsman wants \$200,000 to be pulled from the Cincinnati police budget to fund the Citizen’s Complaint Authority. The CCA is an independent organization that looks into complaints against police officers.” (Brian Hamrick, “Calls To Defund Police Sparks Use Of Public Safety Money Debate At City Hall,” [WLWT5](#), 6/8/20)

NOTE: *In 2021, Greg Landsman “[fought for \\$400,000](#)” in funding for the Citizens Complaint Authority, an increase of \$150,000 over the \$250,000 in funding that the Council had agreed to.*

- **“I Believe The Changes That Are Absolutely Public Safety Related, Which These Are, Should Come From The Public Safety Budget, Should Come From The Police Budget,’ Landsman Said.”** (Brian Hamrick, “Calls To Defund Police Sparks Use Of Public Safety Money Debate At City Hall,” [WLWT5](#), 6/8/20)

VIDEO: The Efforts From Greg Landsman Have Been Described As “Basically The Definition Of Defunding.” LANDSMAN: “The question that I think we’re all gonna have to wrestle with, is what does public safety look like now, and what does it need to look like.” REPORTER: “Cincinnati Councilman Greg Landsman has written a motion that includes taking \$200,000 from the police budget to fund the Citizens Complaint Authority. Basically, the definition of defunding.” LANDSMAN: “I believe that the changes that are absolutely public safety related, which these are, should come from the public safety budget. Should come from the police budget.” (Brian Hamrick, “Calls To Defund Police Sparks Use Of Public Safety Money Debate At City Hall,” [WLWT5](#) via [YouTube](#), 6/8/20) Minute 0:00-0:34

In June 2020, Landsman “Voted To Remove About \$1 Million Of A Proposed Increase For The Police Department” In Order To Fund “Other Supportive Programs”

The Cincinnati City Council “Voted To Remove About \$1 Million Of A Proposed Increase For The Police Department” In Order To Fund “Other Supportive Programs.” “A council majority voted to remove about \$1 million of a proposed increase for the police department at Tuesday’s budget committee meeting and to direct it to youth jobs and other supportive programs through the recreation department.” (Chris Wetterich, “Uncertainty Lingers As Cincinnati City Council Considers Budget Today,” [Cincinnati Business Courier](#), 6/24/20)

Landsman Voted For The Ordinance. (“Proceeding/Minutes Of City Council: Item #: 202000847,” [Cincinnati City Council](#), 6/24/20)

Item #: 20200847
ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY) submitted by Patrick A. Duhaney, City Manager, on 06/24/2020, AMENDING Ordinance No. 0238-1968, which established Citizen Summer Job Fund 308 to provide summer jobs for the youth of the community, to change the name of the fund to Citizens Jobs Fund 308 and expand the purpose to provide jobs for the youth of the community regardless of season; and further AUTHORIZING the return to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$1,015,000 from various Cincinnati Police Department operating budget accounts and the transfer of \$1,015,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Recreation Citizens Jobs Fund 308 operating budget account according to the attached Schedule of Transfer, for the purpose of implementing Council's recommended changes to the Mayor's FY 2021 General Fund Operating Budget Update in order to provide funding for youth employment opportunities.

Status/Recommendations:
PASS EMERGENCY
*** INDEFINITELY POSTPONED
MR. LANDSMAN Y
MR. MANN Y
MR. PASTOR Y
MR. SEELBACH Y
MR. SITTENFELD Y
MR. SMITHERMAN Y
MS. SUNDERMANN Y
MR. YOUNG Y
MS. KEARNEY Y

("Proceeding/Minutes Of City Council: Item #: 20200847," [Cincinnati City Council](#), 6/24/20)

Taking \$9.4 Million From Cincinnati City Police Headquarters

As A Cincinnati City Councilman, Greg Landsman Voted To Take \$9.4 Million Away From The New Police District 5 Headquarters To Fund An Unrelated Infrastructure Project

NOTE: *While unrelated to public safety, the Columbia Parkway fix was urgent.*

In April 2019, Cincinnati City Council Voted "To Take The Entire \$9.4 Million From A Fund Initially Set Aside To Build A New" Police District 5 Headquarters And Funded The Columbia Parkway Fix Instead. "Columbia Parkway got its money. But it came at the expense - at least for now - of the new police District 5 headquarters. Cincinnati City Council voted Wednesday night to take the entire \$9.4 million from a fund initially set aside to build a new District 5 headquarters. The city will borrow the rest of the money for the \$17 million Columbia Parkway fix." (Hannah K. Sparling and Sharon Coolidge, "Police HQ Fund Drained For Columbia Parkway Landslide Repair," [The Cincinnati Enquirer](#), 4/25/19)

Landsman Voted For The Measure. "The vote was 8-0, with Councilman Chris Seelbach excused from the meeting." (Hannah K. Sparling and Sharon Coolidge, "Police HQ Fund Drained For Columbia Parkway Landslide Repair," [The Cincinnati Enquirer](#), 4/25/19)

Landsman Stated That "Sometimes You Have To Lock Everyone In A Room, So To Speak, Until They Get A Solution, Which Is What We Got Done Last Night." "Sometimes you have to lock everyone in a room, so to speak, until they get to a solution, which is what we got done last night," said Councilman Greg Landsman. "The Columbia Parkway fix is so important and urgent that any delay by us or the Administration is just unacceptable, and I'm fully committed to getting this fix done as quickly as possible." (Hannah K. Sparling and Sharon Coolidge, "Police HQ Fund Drained For Columbia Parkway Landslide Repair," [The Cincinnati Enquirer](#), 4/25/19)