

# marcc “...to forgo the luxury of separate ways when a common path can be found...”

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Re: Human Service Priorities

My name is Margaret Fox, Executive Director of MARCC, the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati, and interfaith organization representing 17 denominations of Roman Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, Jews and Greek Orthodox people. MARCC is here today to support the added changes to the human service priorities set forth by City Council members serving on the Health Education and Environment Committee. Those priorities are

- Reduction of Violence,
- Promotion of self- sufficiency through maintenance or attainment of housing,
- Meeting Emergency Needs of food and shelter for families and individuals.

In addition to these priorities MARCC continues to ask that City Council

- Empower the Human Services Advisory Committee to create the guidelines and objectives/outcomes criteria for measuring progress toward fulfilling City Council priorities within a flexible timeframe.
- Contract with a consultant to 1) work with the Human Services Advisory Committee to develop the detail for human service priorities; and 2) to coordinate the role of city staff and the Human Services Advisory Committee in the planning and funding process.
- Appoint members to the Human Services Advisory Committee that represent a full range of citizens, with an equal mix from human services and community development backgrounds.

Keep as a long term goal, to return Human Services funding to its historic level of 1.5% of the City General Fund.