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RECEIPT FOR PRE-CIRCULATION FILING (INITIATIVE, RECALL, REFERENDUM OR CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION)

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
(Columbus City Charter Section 42-4)

Pursuant to section 42-4 of the Columbus City Charter whoever seeks to propose by petition an ordinance, referendum, recall or charter amendment shall file a <u>certified copy</u> of the petition with the city clerk prior to circulating the same.

PETITION TYPE/TITLE: Community Crisis Response Charter Amendment

- Certification statement included? yes (REQUIRED)
- 2014-COMP form(s) filed? yes How many? 4
- Are REQUIRED certification statement(s) included for each? yes
- Date received in the City Clerk's office: April 4, 2025.
- Time stamp front page of the petition and make a copy for petitioners (Petitioners are requested to use this copy (with Clerk's time stamp) when collecting signatures.) Note: City Clerk will send petitioners a copy of the legal review from the City Attorney's office to the email address listed below.

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Received by: Andrea Blevins
City Clerk/Clerk's staff

Attest: Chana Wiley
Representative for Petition Committee (please print clearly)

Chana Wiley cwiley@ofupac.org
Representative's E-Mail Address (please print clearly)

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CERTIFICATION OF PROPOSED PETITION

I, Chana Wiley, being duly sworn and cautioned, depose and state as follows:

1. I am competent to testify to the matters herein on the basis of my own personal knowledge of the facts.
2. I am one of 5 committee members listed on a Petition entitled Charter Amendment: Community Crisis Response Amendment (the "Petition").
3. Attached to this certification is a true and accurate copy of the petition, which I am filing with the City Clerk prior to circulating the petition for signatures pursuant to City Charter Sec. 42-4.

Further, affiant sayeth naught.

Executed this 4 day of April, 2025

Signature: Chana Wiley

Printed Name: Chana Wiley

Before me, a notary public in and for Franklin County, State of Ohio, this 4th day of April, 2025, the above named Chana Wiley personally appeared and acknowledged his/her/their signature on the forgoing document.

Stacey N. Hauff
Attorney At Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
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Notary Public

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CHARTER AMENDMENT PETITION

Columbus City Charter Sections 42 and 45,
Ohio Revised Code Sections 3501.38,
3503.06 Ohio Constitution, Art. XVIII,
Sections 9 and 4

NOTE: Prior to circulation of a charter amendment petition, a certified copy of the petition must be filed with the City Clerk.

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To the City Clerk of the city of Columbus, Ohio:

We, the undersigned, electors of the city of Columbus, Ohio respectfully request that the charter amendment proposed herein be submitted to a vote of the electors of this city for their approval or rejection forthwith as provided by the Columbus City Charter;

The following is a full and correct copy of the title and text of the proposed Charter Amendment:

Title: The Community Crisis Response Amendment. An amendment to the Columbus City Charter to add sections 127-1 through 127-8 to the Charter establishing a division of community crisis response within the department of health, which shall respond to 911 calls and other calls for assistance for persons in crisis, including crises related to mental health and substance abuse, using the most appropriate and least invasive non-police intervention available; collect data on the services provided by the division; and conduct community outreach; establishing the community crisis response advisory board to make recommendations to the department of health regarding the implementation of this amendment and provision of its services; and requiring appropriations to fund the division and advisory board with an initial full year appropriation of $5,000,000 for fiscal year 2027.

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Sec. 127-1. Division of community crisis response

The division of community crisis response is established as a division of the department of health and shall be under the authority of the city health commissioner. The health commissioner shall appoint an administrative head of the division who will be the chief of community crisis response. The division of community crisis response shall have as its primary duty to respond to and assist persons in crisis using the most appropriate and least invasive non-police intervention available, including the use of non-police, crisis response teams as presumptive first responders to 911 calls and other requests for assistance for situations that do not involve imminent danger, including mental health and substance abuse calls. For purposes of this Amendment, "imminent danger" means a substantial risk of death or bodily harm to a person or persons. The division is intended to supplement and work in coordination with other services and programs, including hotlines and other communication services providing person-to-person crisis intervention and support.

The division shall be responsible, at minimum, for the following:

A. Overseeing the development of curriculum and training on community crisis response for employees of the division that is focused on person-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent community crisis responses, providing on-site screening and assessment, stabilization and de-escalation, and coordination with and referrals to health, social, and other services and supports as needed.
B. Overseeing the management and administration of services provided by the division and coordination of such services with other departments and programs, including providing staff within the City of Columbus Emergency Communications Center to assist call-takers in identifying, assessing, and routing calls where appropriate.
C. Training and overseeing crisis response teams, that are not police officers, to respond directly as first or sole responders to 911 calls and other requests for assistance that include at least one community crisis response worker, and emergency medical technicians, professional and paraprofessional staff, crisis intervention specialists, therapists, case managers, and trained peer and family support workers, as needed.
D. Training and overseeing outreach teams, that are not police officers, that canvass the community to interact with persons and engage with businesses and residents to resolve issues relating to the division mission, and to build relationships with individuals experiencing homelessness or experiencing issues with substance use or mental health to assist them in obtaining voluntary services.
E. Providing adequate resources for the community crisis response teams to fulfill their function, including, but not limited to, safety, transportation, communication, and other equipment necessary for carrying out the purpose of the division.
F. Establishing a training and hiring process for community crisis workers that will provide compensation for training and work, and that will use a hiring rubric that includes preferences for individuals with lived experience with one or more of the following: community violence, legal system contact, mental and substance abuse conditions, poverty, and housing instability or homelessness. This provision shall not be construed to conflict with any applicable professional education or accreditation standards, nor federal or state funding rules for such programs.

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G. No provision of sections 127-1 through 127-8 shall be construed to diminish any existing or future collective bargaining rights of employees of the city of Columbus.

Sec. 127-2. Community crisis response services

Services provided by the division shall include, at minimum:

A. Crisis response teams that are adequately staffed and available to respond to emergency calls within a time period that may be designated by the Community Crisis Response Advisory Board.
B. Crisis response teams trained to respond to calls when the presence of a police officer is not necessary, including, but not limited to, calls involving mental health and substance abuse crises, wellness checks, housing instability and homelessness, and connection to voluntary services for situations that do not involve imminent danger.
C. Medical, mental health, or substance abuse transport provided by the crisis response team or in coordination with another appropriate city department where a person requests transport and such transport is authorized.
D. Follow up contact for support and connection to services within 48 hours of contact with a crisis response team, as needed.
E. Additional programs and services to provide and support non-police officer crisis response services.

Sec. 127-3. Community crisis response dispatch

The division shall collaborate with all emergency call and dispatch services and crisis hotlines and relevant city, county, state, and federal agencies and hotlines (hereinafter known as "dispatcher services") to develop protocols to identify and route requests for assistance to crisis response teams for situations that do not involve imminent danger, and provide ongoing training and support for their implementation as necessary. The division shall monitor and evaluate calls in conjunction with relevant agencies on an ongoing basis to see how call-takers are assessing risk and routing calls and adjust the training and protocols as necessary. In accordance with the training and protocols, calls shall be evaluated to determine the level of risk and a crisis response team deployed for situations that do not involve imminent danger. This data shall be part of the service usage data reviewed by the community crisis response advisory board. This provision is not intended to modify or affect decisions related to the staffing, compensation, or collective bargaining rights of dispatcher services personnel; and employees of the division shall not engage in dispatcher services apart from the duties outlined herein.

Sec. 127-4. Community crisis response data

The division shall collect data on the services provided by the division, the number of calls diverted from law enforcement and their origin, the general nature and type of the calls received, the location of the call or request for assistance, the type of crisis response team that responded, the response time, the services provided, the number of times police were requested as back-up, whether there was a voluntary transport, the outcome of each call, and demographic information of individuals who received services. This data must be anonymized so as not

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to identify any individual who received services. The division will compile quarterly data reports that will be provided to the crisis response advisory board and the public through a dashboard, website, or other equally accessible means. Every four years the division shall assess the division's effectiveness and shall make the evaluation available to the public.

Sec. 127-5. Community crisis response advisory board

There shall be a community crisis response advisory board which shall be comprised of one voting member from each city council district, a voting member appointed by the Mayor, and a voting member from the labor union or collective bargaining unit representing community crisis response employees, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. The advisory board members representing city council districts shall be appointed by the Columbus City Council member representing each district through an open application process for a term of four years. The board may include additional non-voting members appointed at the discretion of the city health commissioner. Those appointing advisory board members shall make best efforts to appoint members who are representative of the diverse communities within the City of Columbus on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, disability, familial status, military status, and socioeconomic status.

The department of health shall set meetings for the community crisis response advisory board, which shall occur at least once per quarter annually. The board shall make recommendations to the Mayor's Office, City Council, department of health and the division on topics including but not limited to the implementation of this Amendment, the provision of community crisis response services by the division, funding recommendations, service expansion, and coordination between departments. The board shall collect input through public comment.

Sec. 127-6. Funding for community crisis response

A. Funding for the division of community crisis response and the community crisis response advisory board shall be appropriated on an annual basis in an amount sufficient to pay for the expenses necessary for the effective operations of the division and the advisory board. In making funding and staffing decisions under sections 127-1 through 127-8, such decisions shall not be used as a basis for reducing funding for the Department of Public Safety or the Department of Health, nor as a basis to reduce the number or compensation of existing employees of these departments.
B. The division shall seek any appropriate local, state, and federal funds designated for alternative crisis response initiatives or related services, including but not limited to mental health, substance use, and homelessness interventions.
C. The division may receive donations and bequests, of money or property, in trust or otherwise, for division of community crisis response purposes. The City Treasurer shall be the custodian of all such funds and shall maintain them in a separate account for the sole purpose of allocating funds to the division.
D. For fiscal year 2027, the appropriation for the division for community crisis response shall be a base of

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$5,000,000. For fiscal year 2028 and subsequent years, the division for community crisis response appropriation shall be the prior year's fiscal year base appropriation adjusted for an inflation factor plus a service usage factor not to exceed ten (10) percent of the previous fiscal year total appropriation where:

1. Inflation factor is defined as the annualized change in the Consumer Price Index for the prior calendar year ending December 31.

2. The service usage factor is equal to or less than ten percent of the previous fiscal year appropriation.

E. For fiscal year 2031, the base appropriation shall be no less than a minimum of $12,000,000. For fiscal year 2032 and subsequent years, the division for community crisis response appropriation shall be the prior year's fiscal year base appropriation adjusted for an inflation factor plus a service usage factor not to exceed five (5) percent of the previous fiscal year total appropriation where:

1. Inflation factor is defined as the annualized change in the Consumer Price Index for the prior calendar year ending December 31.

2. The service usage factor is equal to or less than five percent of the previous fiscal year appropriation.

F. The service usage factor shall be based on the service usage data from the most recent 12-month period available, and shall be determined by the community crisis response advisory board.

G. The minimum appropriation amount shall be adjusted annually for inflation and shall only be reduced if financial circumstances dictate an overall reduction to the City's budget, in the event of which, the annual appropriation for the division and the advisory board shall not be reduced in an amount disproportionate to the average percentage decrease in appropriations to other City departments. The Mayor shall set forth the basis for any reduction in writing to the division and the advisory board at the time of submission or adoption, as applicable, of any budget or budget modification.

Sec. 127-7. Implementation timeline

A. Members of Council, the Mayor, and the city health commissioner shall make the initial appointments to the advisory board no later than 180 days after the effective date of this Amendment.

B. The initial appropriation for the division and advisory board prior to fiscal year 2027 shall cover the cost of implementing this Amendment.

C. Community crisis response services as set forth in this Amendment shall be fully operational and available no later than January 1, 2029. Community crisis response services shall be available, as needed, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week by January 1, 2031.

Sec. 127-8. Severability clause

A. The provisions of this section shall be liberally construed in favor of its purpose.

B. If any part of this section is deemed unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue to operate in full force and effect.

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We hereby designate the following petitioners as a committee to be regarded as filing this petition.

COMMITTEE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE PETITIONERS	ADDRESS
Chana Wiley	2889 Manola Drive, Columbus, OH 43209
Helen Anne Sweeney	254 West Schreyer Place, Columbus, OH 43214
Molly Shea	1047 Mohican Avenue, Columbus, OH 43224
Stephen David	166 E Welch Avenue, Columbus, OH 43207
Stuart McIntyre	152 E Pacemont Road, Columbus, OH 43202

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	SIGNATURE	VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY	COUNTY	DATE OF SIGNING
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CIRCULATOR STATEMENT – Must be completed and signed by circulator.

I, _____, declare under penalty of election falsification that I
(Printed Name of Circulator)
reside at the address appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing _____ signatures; that all signers were to
(Number)

the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. I am provided or promised moneys or things of value to circulate this petition by _____.
(Name and address of employer)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

_____
(Signature of Circulator)

_____
(Permanent residence address)

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(City or Village, State and Zip Code)

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STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR CIRCULATING A PETITION

City Charter Section 42-6

OHIO VOICE
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Providing or promising moneys or things of value for the circulation, supervision, management, or other organizing of the following petition:

(check ONE)

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	Recall petition
X	Charter Amendment petition

The precirculation copy of this petition was filed with the City Clerk pursuant to City Charter Section 42-4 on April (Month) 4 (Day), 2025 (Year).

I declare under penalty of election falsification that the statements above are true and accurate.

JAMES HAYES
(Printed name of individual or authorized signer for an entity)

(Signature of individual or authorized signer for an entity) April 4, 2025 Date

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WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

STATE OF Ohio
COUNTY OF Franklin

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared James Hayes who acknowledged that they did sign the aforesaid instrument and the same is their free act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Columbus, Ohio, this 4th day of April, 2025.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

Stacey N. Hauff
Attorney At Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My commission has no expiration date
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Ohio Families Unite for Political Action and Change will be:
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Emily L Cole
(Printed name of individual or authorized signer for an entity)

Emily L Cole
(Signature of individual or authorized signer for an entity)

April 4, 2025
Date

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STATE OF Ohio
COUNTY OF Franklin

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared EMILY COLE who acknowledged that they did sign the aforesaid instrument and the same is their free act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Columbus, Ohio, this 4th day of April, 2025

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Columbus Safety Collective Campaign will be:
(Printed name of individual or entity)

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I declare under penalty of election falsification that the statements above are true and accurate.

Chana Wiley
(Printed name of individual or authorized signer for an entity)

Chana Wiley
(Signature of individual or authorized signer for an entity)

April 4, 2025
Date

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COUNTY OF Franklin

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared Chana Wiley who acknowledged that they did sign the aforesaid instrument and the same is their free act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Columbus, Ohio, this 4th day of April, 2025.

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City Charter Section 42-6

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF OHIO will be:
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I declare under penalty of election falsification that the statements above are true and accurate.

PATRICK HIGGINS
(Printed name of individual or authorized signer for an entity)

Patrick M Higgins
(Signature of individual or authorized signer for an entity) 4/4/2025 Date

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March 27, 2025

Re: Columbus Safety Collective Campaign Authorization to Sign

Sent via email to ZMKlein@columbus.gov and KSAukerman@columbus.gov

Dear Mr. Klein,

I, J. Bennett Guess, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio (ACLU of Ohio), authorized Patrick Higgins to sign Form 2014-COMP "Statement of Intent to Provide Compensation for Circulating Petition" on behalf of the ACLU of Ohio on April 4, 2025.

Patrick Higgins currently serves as Policy Counsel at the ACLU of Ohio and is one of our staff members working on Columbus Safety Collective Campaign efforts.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the below e-mail address, or by e-mailing Jocelyn Rosnick, Policy Director, at jrosnick@acluohio.org.

Sincerely,

J. Bennett Guess
Executive Director
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