



## Mayor Mark Mallory

City of Cincinnati

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### **Mayor Mallory Declares Cincinnati is on the Move State of the City Address focuses on Public Safety, the Economy, Employment, and Education**

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory delivered his third State of the City Address to a capacity crowd at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park. Mayor Mallory declared that “The State of our City is strong and Cincinnati is on the move.” The Mayor highlighted a series of successes in the key area’s of his agenda, including his number one priority: public safety. Mayor Mallory also highlighted investments that are being made around the city, describing Cincinnati as a city worthy of investment.

The Mayor outlined his plans to move forward with the GO Cincinnati economic development strategy. He proposed a series of initiatives designed to move the city toward full employment. To help Cincinnati Public Schools, the Mayor proposed creating Student Recovery Teams.

Sean Rugless, the new President of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, served at the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Mayor Mallory was introduced by community activist John Eby, President of the Westwood Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation.

Excerpts from the speech:

#### **The State of the City:**

“I am here to report that the State of our City is strong and Cincinnati is on the move. We are without a doubt moving toward our full potential. And, we are doing it by improving public safety, growing our economy, strengthening our neighborhoods, investing in youth, greening our city, and improving our national and international image.”

#### **Public Safety:**

“Our number one priority is reducing homicides, and last year we were successful in cutting the number of homicides by 22 percent. But, even one homicide is too many, and we remain committed to continuing to reduce the number of violent crimes in Cincinnati.”

“Of the individuals who have been targeted by CIRV, 105 of them have committed to changing their lives, and are actively receiving help – everything from educational services, to substance abuse treatment, to credit counseling. It should come as no surprise that the number one requested service is help finding employment.”

**Growing the Economy:**

“In 2006, we launched GO Cincinnati to develop a long-term strategic plan to grow our economic base. I am excited about the prospects that this report provides. It says that through targeted development, we can capture a \$146 million dollars more in revenue, 5,000 new jobs, and a greater share of the nearly 45,000 regional jobs projected to be created by 2014.”

**Employment:**

“Go Cincinnati will require a fully educated, trained, and qualified workforce. That’s why it is important to move toward full employment. Let me tell you what that involves. It involves summer employment for high school and college students, co-op programs, and ex-offender employment.”

“I am calling on Cincinnati’s corporate community to partner with us in making youth employment a priority, not only by participating in my youth jobs fair but also by creating summer employment opportunities for young people in our city.”

**Education:**

“We will create Student Recovery Teams for each of CPS’s lowest performing schools. This will be a collaborative effort between my office, Strive, the community learning centers, and the city administration. The recovery teams will bring together tutors, mentors, the corporate community, universities, social service agencies, and city workers. The teams will make certain that each school has the resources and the expertise they need to ensure that every student has the chance to succeed.”

**A City Worthy of Investment:**

“Last year, we made a lot of investments in our city. However, the greatest investment that we can make is an investment in the people of Cincinnati. It’s our people that make this city great, and that’s why Cincinnati is truly a city worthy of investment.”

The speech will be posted on the Mayor’s website: [www.mayormallory.com](http://www.mayormallory.com)

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