
(8/5/10): City Hall Moving to Cut 100 Police Officers and 80 Firefighters to Balance the Budget

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August 5, 2010..Cincinnati NAACP Media Release..Cincinnati City Council will end their summer recess in September. The City faces a \$60 million deficit that must be closed by December 2010. The City Council borrowed the money to balance the budget for 2010. There is no more money to borrow. This means Cincinnati will lay off over 100 police officers and 80 firefighters by December 2010. Middle managers at City Hall will be impacted the most by the massive layoffs. City Hall continues to mismanage the overtime budgets of each department within the City of Cincinnati. "This is not a good way to say Happy Holidays to City Workers," Christopher Smitherman, president of the Cincinnati NAACP says..City Council has mismanaged tax payer money. Council continues to extend corporate welfare at an alarming rate that has structurally destroyed the Cincinnati city budget over the last 10 years. City Council plans to continue the corporate welfare but expand the fees and taxes that the everyday citizen pays to live in the City of Cincinnati. City Council plans on passing a garbage fee to balance the 2011 budget but continue the non-taxation of exercised stock options in the City of Cincinnati. "The Cincinnati NAACP is prepared to launch a petition by the Black Family Reunion to stop the City from charging citizens a garbage fee. Our members are living on less and can not afford to pay any further fees," Smitherman says.