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EQUALITY CINCINNATI SUPPORTS HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE **Supporters to Testify at Hearings**

CINCINNATI, March 9, 2006 – Members and supporters of Equality Cincinnati are making plans to testify at the March 14th, Law and Public Safety Committee of the Cincinnati City Council, in support of a proposed ordinance to extend human rights protection to gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender persons.

The proposed ordinance was filed Tuesday March 7, 2006 and was co-sponsored by Council Members David Crowley, Chris Bortz, Laketa Cole, John Cranley and Jim Tarbell. The ordinance has the full support of Equality Cincinnati, which applauds the public stand for justice and equality taken by these members of Council.

“This is an important step forward toward fairness in Cincinnati,” said Gary Wright, President of Equality Cincinnati. “It completes the work the citizens started when they overwhelmingly voted for the repeal of Article XII in November of 2004. Cincinnati will finally be on record supporting equal protection under the law for all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation. We can all be proud of how far our city has come to bridge our differences, and of the many people here from all walks of life who are helping make the city better for everyone.”

Cincinnati is the only major city in the region that does not currently protect the rights of its gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender residents, workers and visitors. The passage of this ordinance will bring Cincinnati up to par with other cities and send an important message to those outside the area about the tolerance and acceptance of the citizens of Cincinnati.

Equality Cincinnati is a non-profit organization working for full equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in the greater Cincinnati region.

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