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ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

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WCLV- Third Quarter 2021 Issues and Programs

ideastream has identified the following issues of importance to our community: Aging; Arts and Culture; Children's Health; Community-Human Interest; Courts, Crime, Fire, Law Enforcement; Economy; Education; Energy; Environment; Ethics-Religion; Government-Politics; Health and Healthcare; Housing-Real Estate; Immigration; Mental Health; Parenting; Race; Regional Economy/Business Analysis and Trends; Regional Economy/Business News; Technology; Terrorism; Transportation.

The list below is representative of the current issues of community importance addressed during the reporting period above.

Day & Date: July 4, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: No More "Snake on the Lake": The Future of Redistricting in Ohio

Issue of Community Importance: GOVERNMENT-POLITICS

Speakers/Guests: David Daley, Senior Fellow, FairVote, and author, "Unrigged: How Americans Are Battling Back to Save Democracy"; Jen Miller, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of Ohio; Alora Thomas-Lundborg, Senior Staff Attorney, Voting Rights Project, American Civil Liberties Union

In May, the U.S. Census Bureau announced population statistics following the completion of the 2020 census. Ohio, for the sixth consecutive time. While Ohio actually gained population since the 2010 census, other areas of the country – especially in the Sun Belt and the west – grew faster. The timing of this loss is problematic as the state embarks on a new system of drawing its congressional maps, which are considered among the most gerrymandered in the nation. It's unclear which of the 12 Republicans and four Democrats stands to lose their district when the new maps are drawn in September. Under the new legislation, the boundaries around District 9 – the aptly named "snake on the lake" – will need to be redrawn. And the region, which currently divided into four congressional districts, will likely be reduced to three as the new guidelines only permit five of Ohio's 88 counties to be split more than twice across congressional boundaries. This has huge implications for Cuyahoga County especially in District 11, the only majority minority district in the state.

Day & Date: July 11, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: The 15-Minute City

Issue of Community Importance: TRANSPORTATION

Speakers/Guests: Andre Brumfield, Assoc. AIA, Cities & Urban Design Leader, Design Director, Principal, Gensler; Jason A. Segedy, Director of Planning and Urban Development, City of Akron; Khrys Shefton, Director of Real Estate Development , Famicos Foundation

Many American cities are built around the convenience of cars, with public transit and bike infrastructure taking a back seat to road and highway improvements. Yet, 25% of Cleveland households and nearly 40% of East Cleveland households lack access to a vehicle. The 15-minute city (or “complete neighborhood”) is an urban planning concept where any resident should be able to get to their job, visit the doctor, grab groceries, or even a cup of coffee with just a short walk or bike ride. It is a different approach through the lens of equity, helping to reduce reliance on personal vehicles.

Day & Date: July 18, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Decoding the 2022-23 State Budget

Issues of Community Importance: GOVERNMENT-POLITICS

Speakers/Guests: Hannah Halbert, Executive Director at Policy Matters Ohio; Greg Lawson, Research Fellow at the Buckeye Institute; and Andy Chow, Journalist/Producer with the Statehouse News Bureau.

As it happens every two years, the 2022-23 state budget was passed in late June after months of debate in both the Ohio House and Senate. The state budget ultimately determines how public resources will be spent on many things our communities need: K-12 public schools, health and human services, local governments, public transit, libraries, economic development, and more. This particular budget comes on the heels of the state’s reopening after public health precautions were put in place due to COVID-19; making it one of the most vital tools to help address some of the alarming disparities and challenges Ohioans faced during the course of the pandemic. Behind all the numbers, mandates, and packages, the panelists discussed what it means for everyday Ohioans and our communities.

Day & Date: July 25, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Missing from History: High Stakes and New Leaders: Assessing What Cleveland Needs

Issue of Community Importance: GOVERNMENT-POLITICS

Speakers/Guests: Mordecai Cargil, Co-founder and Partner, ThirdSpace Action Lab and Third Space Café; Joyce Huang, Vice President of Community Development, MidTown Cleveland; Robert Klonk, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Oswald Companies; Ricardo León, Executive Director, Metro West Community Development Organization

This is a pivotal moment for Greater Cleveland. With an open election in the Cleveland mayor's office for the first time in 16 years, an open congressional seat in the 11th district, a 2022 county executive race already heating up, and contested city council races in 16 of 17 Cleveland wards. All of this is happening amidst the pressing issues of entrenched poverty and racial inequities, a push for policing reform and criminal justice reform, rising homicide rates, and deep needs for community and economic development. The stakes for citizens and those who would like to lead them couldn't be higher. What kind of leadership does this moment call for? With all the challenges of the last year, and the aspirations of our community, what kind of leadership qualities are required for our collective success?

Day & Date: August 1, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: On the Waterfront: Connecting Neighborhood to the Shore

Issue of Community Importance: HOUSING – REAL ESTATE

Speakers/Guests: Euclid Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Sandusky City Manager Eric Wobser, and Cleveland City Planning Director Freddy Collier

Public access to the waterfront and outdoor greenspaces is vital to the social fabric of a community and to individuals' health and well-being. Ohio lakes and rivers provide space for recreation, social gatherings, and simply a place to cool off. Yet, 90 percent of Cuyahoga County's shoreline is inaccessible to everyone except for private businesses and residents privileged enough to live near the lake. Both social and physical barriers have prevented residents, especially in low-income communities, from interacting with our region's greatest asset—the water. How can lakefront cities leverage development and land use policy to make waterfront access more for equitable for all?

Day & Date: August 8, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Climate, Conversation and Community Power

Issue of Community Importance: ENVIRONMENT

Speakers/Guests: Rachael Belz, Executive Director, Ohio Citizen Action; Leah Hudnall,

Ohio Climate Justice Fund, Director; Tanner Yess, Executive Director, Groundwork Ohio River Valley

The consequences of climate change generate heat islands in urban areas, air pollution, severe storms, and flooding—all which disproportionately harm communities of color. However, efforts to advance a clean energy future have historically excluded diverse voices. Studies have also shown that BIPOC-led nonprofit organizations receive only a fraction of the philanthropic investment that white-led organizations receive. To address this discrepancy, a new initiative has been launched, The Ohio Climate Justice Fund. The primary goal of this effort is to help build a diverse coalition of advocates that will have the power to influence policy change that leads to a just and inclusive clean energy economy for Ohio.

Day & Date: August 15, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: A Conversation with Jim Renacci, candidate for Governor of Ohio

Issues of Community Importance: GOVERNMENT-POLITICS

Speakers/Guests: James B. Renacci

A Pennsylvania native, Renacci moved to Wadsworth in 1983 where he founded LTC Management Services, a company that owned, operated, and managed nursing facilities throughout the region. Renacci was elected to the United States House of Representatives in November 2010, serving the 16th district of Ohio from 2011-2018. He served on the Financial Services Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and the House Budget Committee. James B. Renacci announced on June 9, 2021 that he was joining the race for Ohio governor.

Day & Date: August 22, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: (Mis)understanding Critical Race Theory

Issue of Community Importance: RACE

Speakers/Guests: Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Associate Professor of History, The Ohio State University

In 2020, the City of Cleveland declared racism a public health crisis, bringing to the forefront honest conversations about systemic racism's influence on equity, access, and human rights. Yet, the debate around Critical Race Theory has been heating up nationwide. In Ohio, two bills are circulating through the statehouse attempting to limit discussion on race in the classroom, and local school boards are grappling with feedback from both sides of the aisles. In his speech to the City Club of Cleveland, Dr. Jeffries addressed the questions: What exactly is Critical Race Theory? And what is it NOT? And how has this framework of analysis become the new punching bag in the culture wars of the country?

Day & Date: August 29, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Believing in Home

Issue of Community Importance: HOUSING-REAL ESTATE

Speakers/Guests: Kevin J. Nowak, Executive Director, CHN Housing Partners; D.J. Valentine, Vice President, State CRA Mortgage Sales Manager, The Huntington National Bank

Having the opportunity to invest in a permanent address means improvements to children's health, increased job opportunities, and the power to revitalize struggling neighborhoods. Yet, homeownership is inaccessible for many families. Historic policies like redlining are at the root of the wealth gap found in communities of color—leading to common barriers today like expensive down payments and difficulty securing low-interest loans. This opened the door to predatory lenders and housing scams to prey on low-to-moderate income buyers. Now, with the recent surge in housing prices, homeownership is further out of reach. In this forum, Mr. Nowak and Mr. Valentine discuss homeownership, and ways it can be used to build and achieve equity in our neighborhoods.

Day & Date: September 5, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: How Rights Went Wrong: Why Our Obsession with Rights is Tearing America Apart

Issue of Community Importance: COURTS, CRIME, FIRE, LAW ENFORCEMENT

Speakers/Guests: Jamal Greene, Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

Rights are a sacred part of American identity. Yet they also are the source of some of our greatest divisions. The varying responses to preventative measures enacted to stem the COVID-19 pandemic is a clear example of these divisions—especially today as students return to in-classroom instruction. Jamal Greene argues that the system of legal absolutism distorts our law, debases our politics, and exacerbates our differences rather than helping to bridge them. So how do we rethink our relationship with constitutional law, recover America's original vision of rights, while also updating them to confront the challenges of the twenty-first century?

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Day & Date: September 12, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: Brick by Brick: Building Hope and Opportunity for Women Survivors Everywhere

Issues of Community Importance: COMMUNITY, HUMAN INTEREST

Speaker/Guest: Karen Sherman, President of the Akilah Institute.

Karen Sherman has spent her life advocating for women in war-torn and transitional countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Congo, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Sudan, Kosovo, and the former Soviet Union. Throughout her 30-year career in global development, Sherman has met and interviewed thousands of women. Karen began writing "Brick by Brick" during the year she spent living in Rwanda with her three sons to oversee the construction of a first-of-its-kind women's opportunity center. Karen realized the struggles of the survivors she works with, were in fact the struggles of women everywhere: striving to balance work and family, fighting for real options and choices, and trying to make their voices heard. "Brick by Brick" is also a compelling personal story of Karen's own journey and growth as a mother, professional, and wife.

Day & Date: September 19, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: 2021 State of Downtown

Issue of Community Importance: REGIONAL ECONOMY/BUSINESS ANALYSIS AND TRENDS

Speakers/Guests: Michael Deemer, President and CEO, Downtown Cleveland Alliance

This summer, Michael Deemer was tapped to serve as the next President and CEO of Downtown Cleveland Alliance after founding President and CEO Joe Marinucci announced his retirement. This was a critical transition during a time when urban centers across the country were facing uphill battles during a challenging year. Top concerns were maintaining residential growth, boosting development, filling office space, and supporting small businesses.

Day & Date: September 26, 2021

Time: 10:00 PM

Length: One hour

Program Source: The City Club of Cleveland

Show Name: City Club Forum

Segment Title: From Policy to Progress: Partnering to Create Equitable Community Development

Issue of Community Importance: REGIONAL ECONOMY/BUSINESS ANALYSIS AND TRENDS

Speakers/Guests: Raphael Bostic, Ph.D., President, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; George W. McCarthy, Ph.D., President and CEP, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

The influx of federal funds amid the coronavirus pandemic has reminded us of the power of a robust response to crisis, but funding is just one way government, policymakers, philanthropists and other organizations can influence how communities evolve. Thoughtful policy implemented well in our regions and communities can be the determining factor in successful, equitable community development. This forum is part of a series exploring the specific challenges facing legacy cities, the power of philanthropy to spur investment, and the importance of creating equity in waterfront access.