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## **Charter Committee Cross-Endorses Murray, Landsman, & Mann for City Council**

The board of the Charter Committee of Greater Cincinnati voted last night to cross-endorse candidates for City Council, Republican Amy Murray and Democrats Greg Landsman and David Mann. Along with their previously endorsed slate of Charterites Kevin Flynn, Vanessa White, and Yvette Simpson, these cross-endorsements give Charter a slate of candidates with diverse interests and backgrounds.

Bob Dehner, Chair of Charter's Endorsement Committee said, "we based our endorsements on Charter's Statement of Principles. It was not about where a candidate stood on a particular issue, but about how they viewed the importance of process, if they were willing to be held accountable by our board, and if they were willing to work together, across party lines to move our city forward."

The Charter Committee is the longest active independent party in the United States. The organization began in response to the corrupt city government in the 1920's and has been active ever since.

Mike Goldman, Chairman of Charter's executive committee, stated, "We view these cross-endorsements as an opportunity to unite people of many points of view under a principle-based banner that is Charter. We believe the best decisions come from serious open debate and also collaboration. We know that, if elected, this slate will work together to find the best solutions."

The Charter Committee has only rarely considered cross-endorsements in the past. Charter's board approving these cross-endorsements makes a statement that Charter intends to be the place where active, independent citizens can come to work with both sides of the aisle on common sense, data driven solutions to the city's most important issues.

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