

Meet Cincinnati's New City Manager March 4, 2015 7:30am—9:00am



Harry Black, Cincinnati City Manager

Please join us for this informative presentation at Maketewah Country Club, located at 5401 Reading Road Cincinnati OH 45237. Registration and breakfast will begin at 7:30am, followed by the presentation and Q & A from 8:00am—9:00am.

About the Program

Meet Cincinnati's new City Manger, Harry Black and hear first-hand about major initiatives, challenges, opportunities and vision for our city in 2015 and beyond.

Registration:

Please register and pay for this event online at <http://grcincinnati.cfma.org>. Registration is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Non-members are limited to two (2) events before membership is required. Any questions, please contact Mark Nelson at 513 624-1746 or Mark.Nelson@neacelukens.com



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About Harry Black

Harry Black is City Manager of the City of Cincinnati. Black took office Sept. 8, 2014, and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of City government.

As the chief administrator for the City and its 6,300 employees, Black is committed to building a customer-centric workforce and responsible and effective economic development policies and practices that support the growth of jobs and economic opportunity for all Cincinnatians. He is also committed to building strategic and tactical financial management policies and practices that ensure sustainable fiscal responsibility and vitality.

He is focused on making Cincinnati the safest city in America with the involvement of all of its residents, and ensuring it is the go-to destination for people who want to live, work and play in Ohio. Black aims for Cincinnati to become a national model for using performance management best practices and tools and data analytics to make city government more effective and efficient.

In his previous role as Finance Director of the City of Baltimore, Black oversaw an All-Funds Budget of \$3.3 billion supporting a workforce of 15,000 providing services to more than 620,000 residents, and achieved an S&P upgrade of Baltimore's bond rating. One direct contributor to the City of Baltimore's bond rating upgrade was the 10-year financial plan, Change to Grow, created through a process Black and his office led.

Black, is the author of "Achieving Economic Development Success: Tools that work. A nuts and bolts primer for local governments desiring to improve their economic development policies, strategies and practices." The book was published by the International City/County Management Association.

Before working to improve Baltimore's finances, Black joined his wife in co-managing Global Commerce Solutions, Inc., a District of Columbia-based Government Services firm founded by both. The firm provided program management and turn-key staff augmentation solutions to various public sector organizations, including the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the District of Columbia, as well as several private sector clients.

Black held the position of Vice President and program manager of McKissack & McKissack in Washington D.C. The firm was extensively involved in supporting the U.S. Department of Labor's development and construction of a state-of-the-art Jobs Corps center in Cleveland, Ohio, as well as the design, renovation and new construction of numerous other Job Corps projects across the country, such as dormitories, food service, academic, recreation, athletic, medical/dental and child development center facilities.

Between 2005 and 2008, Black served as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Richmond, Va. His duties included managing the day-to-day operations of the City's financial operations portfolio. Richmond has a 4,500 person workforce and an all-funds budget of \$1.4 billion. In Richmond, Black led an effort to renovate a dilapidated theatre into a state-of-the-art performing arts center. As a means of bridging a debt ceiling challenge for the City, Black introduced one of the first public sector commercial paper programs, which allowed the City to bridge its debt ceiling challenge while still being able to pursue strategic community revitalization efforts. He and his team were also able to secure a bond rating upgrade for the City's water and wastewater utility.

Black's extensive public service career also includes stints with the New York City Transit Authority, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, New York City's Mayor's Office of Contracts and the District of Columbia's City Council. Black has served on multiple boards of directors. He is a member and chair of the Virginia State University Board of Visitors and a member of the Municipal Bonds for America Executive Committee.

Black holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Public Administration from Virginia State University, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Virginia.

Black and his wife Sheryl are the proud parents of a son and daughter.

