



## Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council

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### National, State, Regional, County and City Labor and Elected Leaders to Discuss "Reopening America" – An Online Event

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – May 5, 2020 – Cincinnati, OH** – Friday, May 8, 11:00am, Labor Leaders and National, State, Regional, County and City Elected Leaders will meet in an online panel discussion covering how best to "Reopen America." This not-to-miss event being produced by the Cincinnati AFL-CIO and hosted by **Doug Bolton** from [CincinnatiCares.com](http://CincinnatiCares.com), features a panel of representatives from the U.S. Senate and House, Ohio House and Senate, Hamilton County, City of Cincinnati, and Labor Leaders representing Healthcare, Public Safety, Building Trades/Construction, Food Workers/Retail, Transportation, Public Sector, Education and US Postal Service sectors. *(A list of the Elected and Labor Leaders for this panel is located on page 2 of this release.)*

At the heart of this discussion is "[Safety First: Working People's Plan for Reopening Our Economy](#)." Every day, health care workers, transit workers, meatpacking workers, first responders, grocery workers, utility workers, letter carriers, construction workers, doormen, retail workers, child protective service workers, factory workers, solid waste workers, corrections officers, janitors and other workers are being exposed to the coronavirus in U.S. workplaces. Hundreds of thousands of workers have been infected and thousands have died. Putting worker safety first is the first step in any viable plan to save lives, defeat the coronavirus and revive the economy, as the AFL-CIO has further laid out in [America's Five Economic Essentials](#). These important points will drive our discussion.

**Registration for this event is [HERE](#).** Further information and details on registering to attend this panel discussion are available on the Cincinnati AFL-CIO [Facebook Page](#), and [Website](#). Prior to this panel meeting, please review the AFL-CIO's "[Safety First: Working People's Plan for Reopening the Economy The Right Way](#)" plan by clicking on the title and following the embedded link. If you have other questions, or if you wish to receive the registration information directly, please email us at [info@cincinnatiaflcio.org](mailto:info@cincinnatiaflcio.org) and include the phrase "**Reopening America**" in the subject line.

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*About the Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council* – As one of over 500 state and local labor councils of the AFL-CIO, the Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council is at the heart of the labor movement in southwest Ohio. We are a democratically elected body dedicated to representing the interests of all working people at the state and local level. We mobilize our members and community partners to advocate for social and economic justice, striving every day to vanquish oppression and make our communities better for all people—regardless of race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin. For information of the Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council, call (513) 421-1846 or email [info@cincinnatiaflcio.org](mailto:info@cincinnatiaflcio.org).

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Panelists**

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**Elected Officials**

P.G. Sittenfeld	Councilmember, City of Cincinnati
Denise Driehaus	Chair/Commissioner, Hamilton County
Jessica Miranda	Ohio House 28 <sup>th</sup> District Rep.
Brigid Kelly	Ohio House 31 <sup>st</sup> District Rep.
Catherine Ingram	Ohio House 32 <sup>nd</sup> District Rep.
Sedrick Denson	Ohio House 33 <sup>rd</sup> District Rep.
Cecil Thomas	Ohio Senate 9 <sup>th</sup> District Senator
Tim Ryan	Congressman, U.S. Representative 13 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District
John Ryan	Chief of Staff, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown's office

**Labor Leaders**

Organized Labor	Tim Burga — President, Ohio AFL-CIO
Construction	Bill Froehle — President, Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council, Business Manager, UA Plumbers-Pipefitters, Local 392
Education	Melissa Cropper — President, Ohio Federation of Teachers Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio AFL-CIO
Healthcare	Michelle Thoman — President, RNA-Nurses-UC Health
Postal Service	Ted Thompson — President, NALC-Letter Carriers, Branch 43
Public Safety	Matt Alter — President, Intl. Assn. of Fire Fighters, Local 48
Public Sector	Sean Grayson — President, Ohio Council 8-AFSCME
Retail	Kevin Garvey — President, UFCW, Local 75
Transit	Troy Miller — President, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 627