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From the desk of Rep. Isaacsohn



Dear Neighbor,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe, healthy, and enjoying all that the summer season has to offer. Whether it's time spent at community events, local parks, family gatherings, or simply enjoying the long, sunny days, summer in the 24th Ohio House district is a remarkable time.

This June and July, I have been incredibly busy in the legislature. We passed a state operating budget, transitioned in a new Minority Leadership team, reconvened for budget veto-overrides, and met with constituents in Cincinnati, Columbus, and across the state. We celebrated holidays and observances like LGBTQ+ Pride, Juneteenth, Disability Pride, Independence Day, Father's Day. I hope you have been able to take some time in these summer months to spend with friends and family enjoying all that District 24 has to offer in the summertime.

While it has been a fast-paced and legislatively packed few months, representing you continues to be my greatest privilege and first priority is serving the people of District 24. I'm deeply grateful to everyone who has reached out with questions, concerns, or requests—your engagement is essential to making state government work better for all of us.

If you need assistance accessing a program or service, or want to pick my brain on what should be in the works during our recess, the line and inbox remain open! **Whether it's help navigating state agencies, resolving issues with benefits, or getting answers about legislation, my office is here to support you.** You can reach out to them by calling (614)-466-5786.

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Ohio Operating Budget

In the last newsletter, I shared my deep concerns with [House Bill 96](#)—the budget bill for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. As a member of the House Finance Committee, I took part in every stage of its review and fought for amendments that would support Ohio families. When HB 96 came to the House on the House floor for a vote, I voted **NO** and [spoke in opposition](#) to the House proposed budget.

Since then, the bill passed the full General Assembly, without a single Democrat vote, and was sent to Governor DeWine. The governor issued several thoughtful **line-item vetoes** to remove parts of the budget. These vetoes helped limit the damage in areas like school funding, civil rights, local government budgets, and public transparency.

The Governor made thoughtful choices with [his 67 vetoes](#), only one of which [the House Republicans voted to override](#). The Ohio Senate has not yet been called to session to concur on this override. While the substantial work on the state budget has concluded, the General Assembly has until December 2026 to override any further vetoes.



Leader Isaacsohn delivers remarks in opposition on June 25, 2025.

If pursued by both chambers, veto overrides could mean higher property taxes to make up for slashed school funding, less access to public libraries and critical health services, more censorship in education and further marginalization of LGBTQ+ youth and less transparency from public officials.

I will do everything in my power to bring your voices to these conversations each step I take, and encourage you to remain engaged as we continue our legislative work, fighting for communities across the state.

Beating the Heat

As temperatures continue to climb across Cincinnati, it's essential to stay cool, hydrated, and alert to the dangers of extreme heat, especially for children, older adults, and those with chronic conditions. The [Ohio Department of Health](#) outlines key steps: avoid peak sun hours, take frequent breaks in the shade or indoors, and never leave children or pets in cars.

Locally, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission will open recreation centers as public cooling centers, providing a safe and accessible space to cool down, fill up water bottles, and catch a break from the heat. In the long term, addressing urban heat is a matter of public health and community care. Cincinnati's Office of Environment & Sustainability offers tools to help reduce neighborhood heat through tree planting, reflective surfaces, and other green infrastructure. It's one way we can all metaphorically "pick up a shovel" and help protect our neighbors from this worsening climate crisis.

Extreme heat resources:

- [ODH: Stay Safe During Extreme Heat](#)
- [Cincinnati Recreation Commission: Cooling Centers & Services](#)
- [City of Cincinnati: Urban Heat & Climate Adaptation](#)



Democratic Leadership Change

I am honored that the House Democratic Caucus has elected me to serve as House Minority Leader for the remainder of the 136th General Assembly. I am grateful for the trust and confidence my colleagues have placed in me during this important transition. I am joined by Phil Robinson, Beryl Brown Piccolantonio, and Desiree Tims as the [newly elected leadership team](#) for House Democrats.

Representative Allison Russo recently stepped down as our caucus leader. Her steady leadership and deep commitment to our shared values have left a lasting mark. I'm grateful for her service and look forward to continuing our work together in new ways to deliver real results for our constituents.



Left to Right: Whip Piccolantonio, Assistant Leader Robinson, Leader Isaacsohn, Assistant Whip Tims

This moment marks a significant milestone for Cincinnatians. I will be the first minority leader from Cincinnati, and it is a privilege to represent our city and region in this way. Being in this leadership position gives me a greater capacity to fight for the priorities we share in District 24—from safer streets and stronger schools to better access to healthcare and economic opportunity. Leadership begins at home, and every decision I make in this position will be rooted in the needs and voices of our district.

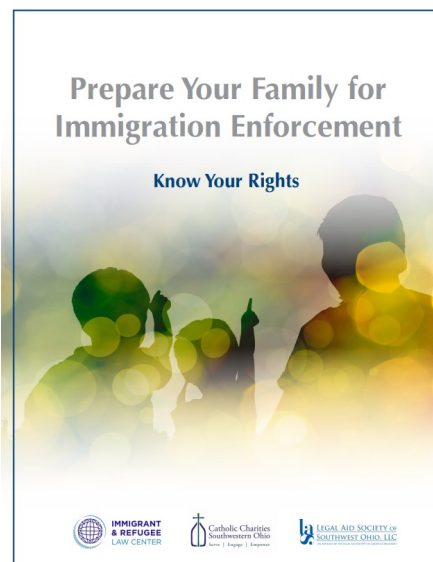
Know Your Rights: Immigrant Resources

As the son of immigrants, I know the courage it takes to start over in a new place. Immigrants and their families make communities like ours extraordinary. They are small business owners, teachers, faith leaders, healthcare workers, and more. They deserve to live with safety, dignity, and respect.

Recent actions by the Trump Administration have caused real fear and confusion in communities across the country, and right here in our Cincinnati community. I want to say clearly: I condemn any unjust or illegal targeting of immigrants by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Homeland Security, and the mistreatment of those in their custody.

Ohio should be a welcoming place for all people, no matter where they come from. That's the Ohio I believe in—and the one I'll keep fighting for.

If you or someone you know is unsure of your rights, this resource from the Immigrant and Refugee Law Center may be helpful to explore in preparation for situations we hope to never encounter: [Know Your Rights Packet](#).





A Call to Firearm Regulation

As a public servant and Cincinnati, I've met too many families whose lives have been forever changed by gun violence. Their stories stay with me — each one a painful reminder that behind every statistic is a human being, a loved one taken too soon.

Last month was Gun Violence Awareness Month. It is not just a time for acknowledgement, but a potent call to action. House Democrats proposed a package of legislation to curb firearm violence, while maintaining Ohioans' right to the Second Amendment. Representative Lawson-Rowe and I sponsored [HB 348](#) to repeal permit-less carry and restore the requirement to receive essential, basic firearm training before legally carrying. This legislation is in the House Public Safety Committee, and we look forward to it continuing through the legislative process.

Ohioans deserve to feel safe in their schools, neighborhoods, and homes. Our caucus remains committed to common-sense solutions that protect lives, while respecting constitutional rights.

Legislative work Snapshot!



(above) Reps. Isaacsohn and Mathews testify on a bipartisan housing bill. (below) Rep. Isaacsohn with youth from the Cincinnati Boys and Girls Club.

(below) Members of the Democratic House Caucus host a press conference on the property tax crisis, discussing proposed solutions. (bottom) Rep. Isaacsohn speaks with community members at a town hall.

