

## 2019 Citizen Financial Review Task Force

### Values Statement Options

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#### 2014 CFRTF STATEMENT OF VALUES/DRAFT ADDITIONS

- We believe that Upper Arlington offers a superior quality of life to its citizens of all ages by emphasizing public safety, innovative public services and high quality amenities. We intend to continue and build upon that tradition for the benefit of future generations.
- We want to live in a community that carefully maintains ~~the~~ and reinvests in its existing assets — ~~in which it invests~~, such as streets, parks and other municipal facilities — and that embraces opportunities for new investment to provide inviting public gathering spaces in support of a safe, healthy and connected community.
- ~~Recent changes to State law have substantially reduced the amount of money available to the City to cover necessary expenses.~~
- We recognize that in order to maintain the high quality of City services our community has come to expect, we need to ensure that our City is well managed and uses its available resources prudently, efficiently and effectively.
- We understand that our community has limited options to generate additional revenues and we should carefully weigh all appropriate and available means of raising the necessary revenue while insuring that any plan is done in a fair and equitable manner.

#### CITY COUNCIL 2019 VISION STATEMENT

Upper Arlington's community pride, thoughtful planning, collaborative approach, and financial stability are the cornerstones of our success. Together we meet the health, safety, recreational, educational and cultural needs of our citizens, businesses and families, while nurturing connections, volunteerism and leadership.

#### CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

- **Inviting Public Gathering Places:** We provide welcoming and attractive community spaces, both indoors and outdoors, that enrich lives by providing opportunities to gather, celebrate, learn, exercise, and enjoy the natural environment.
- **Intentional Development:** Our thoughtful planning and facilitation efforts ensure that our homes meet the needs and wants of today's residents at all stages in their lives, while preserving residential neighborhoods and existing home values. We guide the evolution of our commercial districts so that they provide the mix of professional offices, amenities, shops, and restaurants that serve our citizens and support the City's strong financial standing, while assuring attractive, accessible, walkable built environments that serve as centers of community.



- **Safe and Connected Community:** We support and enhance the safety and wellbeing of our citizens through our exceptional, forward-thinking, safety services, and the provision of convenient, multimodal access between neighborhoods to parks, public spaces, schools, and our business districts.
- **Fiscal Strength:** A strong financial foundation is fundamental to Upper Arlington’s health, vibrancy, and attractiveness as a place in which to live, play, and work. This is attributable to our exceptional fiscal policies, detailed forecasting, routine cost effectiveness assessments, and proactive efforts to diversify our business base.
- **Quality Infrastructure and Services:** The City is committed to providing its citizens with high-quality municipal services, amenities, and infrastructure that support a connected, evolving, high-functioning community.
- **Healthy Community:** Residents of all ages and abilities enjoy access to a broad range of active and passive recreational opportunities that enrich their minds, health, and wellness. The community attracts community health providers that are easily accessible and offer a full range of medical services.
- **Collaborative Partnerships:** A foundation to our success is our ability to collaborate with our community partners, such as the Schools, Library, civic groups, churches, service organizations, neighboring municipalities, and regional entities, to provide the best possible services and recreational and leisure opportunities in a responsive and cost-effective manner.

