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## **Debate Tonight Cancelled!**

EmpowerU— Mayoral Debate. Cranley vs. Simpson

Event Location: The Farm, 239 Anderson Ferry Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238

October 23, 10:00 am — Council Member Yvette Simpson has cancelled her appearance at tonight's Mayoral Debate at the Farm with Mayor John Cranley. This cancellation took place less than 24 hours before the actual debate tonight. Correspondence with Amanda Ford, campaign manager for Simpson announcing the cancellation can be found at http://www.empoweruohio.org/yvettesimpson.pdf

Ford at 9:30 PM yesterday said: "We are so sorry that we will no longer be able to attend tomorrow's debate. We were hoping to be able to make it, but in these final 15 days we've had to make some tough cuts to our schedule." Ford originally agreed to the debate between Mayor John Cranley and Yvette Simpson on September 7, 2017.

Cancellation of tonight's debate falls squarely on Candidate Simpson who made the decision to cancel. EmpowerU does not know if the cancellation might have to do with one of the first six questions which were given to the candidates in advance. Go to <a href="http://www.empoweruohio.org/questions.pdf">http://www.empoweruohio.org/questions.pdf</a> to see the first six questions.

Many of us who worked on the debate are disappointed about the disruption this cancellation causes to The Farm, a great Cincinnati venue, that has prepared extensively for this event by having employees on-hand and by buying food to prepare. We encourage everyone who read this Press Release to patronize The Farm.

EmpowerU regrets the inconvenience this cancellation causes our patrons and looks forward to our remaining classes on our Fall 2017 schedule.

## About EmpowerU http://www.empoweruohio.org

**EmpowerU** is a series of free seminars taught by subject matter experts designed to **educate** \*enjoy\* engage \* attendees. We empower attendees for future success. Most classes are free with advanced RSVP; our website contains course synopses, site locations, and reservations. The current semester runs through November with courses held online and in Cincinnati. Some courses are "Virtual" courses which can be accessed on-line. #EmpowerU

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## **Future EmpowerU Sessions**

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