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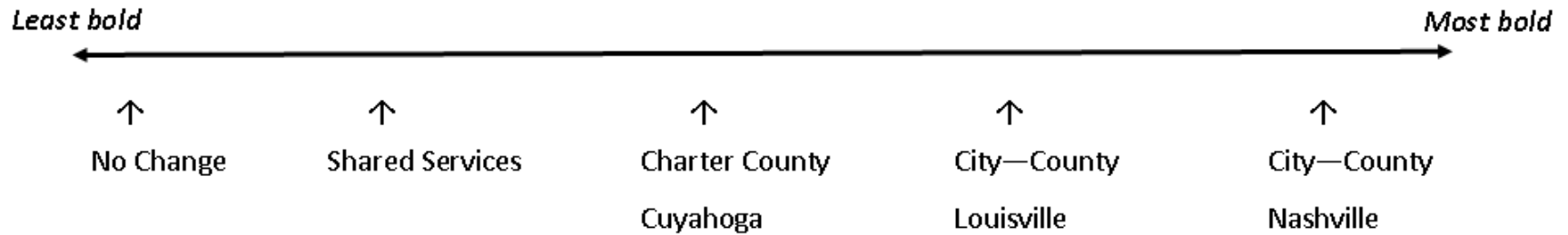
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Presentation to NAIOP

Many factors relate to our economic competitiveness.

Government Structure is one of them.

What are the options?



Proposal to put on the ballot



To merge the City of Dayton and Montgomery County into one unit of government representing all 535,000 people in our county into a home rule municipality using the Louisville model as the overall framework.

A marriage of equals to make us all stronger



- Dayton/Montgomery County Metropolitan Government or “Metro Gov”.
 - A strong mayor/executive as the chief elected official
 - Higher profile
 - More responsibility
 - Higher salary
 - County council members will represent “X” number of people from all jurisdictions.
 - Some current elected officials will be appointed under the new model.

Dayton Together

- A 501(c)4 organization formed in 2011 (formerly OneDayton)
- Officers of the organization:
 - Judge Walter Rice
 - Phil Parker
 - Dan Foley

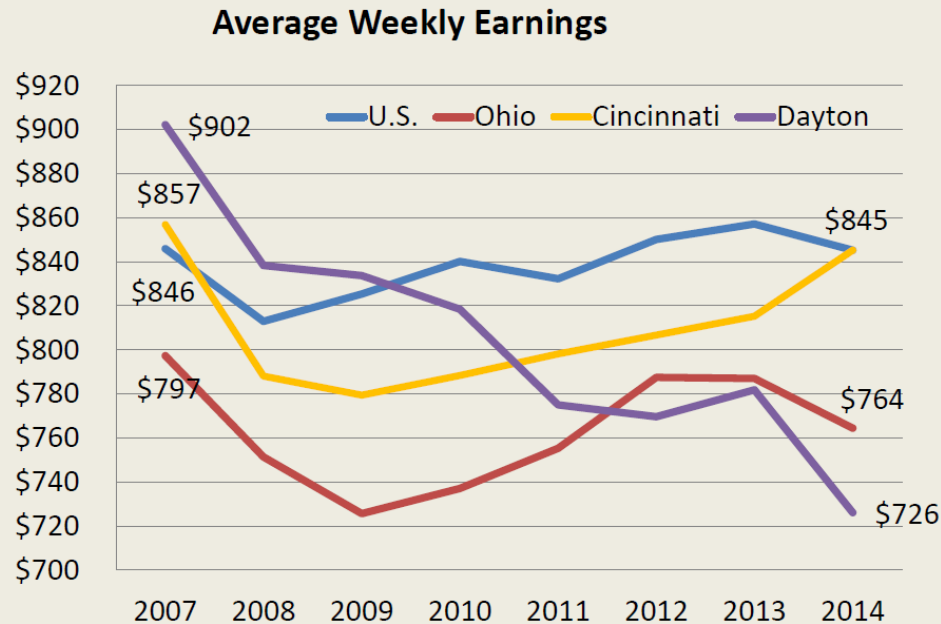
Dayton Together Committees

- Charter Development Committee (CDC)
 - Co-chairs: Paul R. Leonard & Dan Foley
 - Purpose: To develop overall framework for a draft Charter for the single county charter government, The Dayton-Montgomery County Metro Gov.
- Charter Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Chair: Bro. Raymond Fitz
 - Purpose: To review the draft Charter and offer constructive feedback to the CDC. To determine if the charter helps move the needle in a way that balances community needs.

Why does this matter?

Loss of income

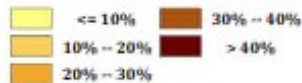
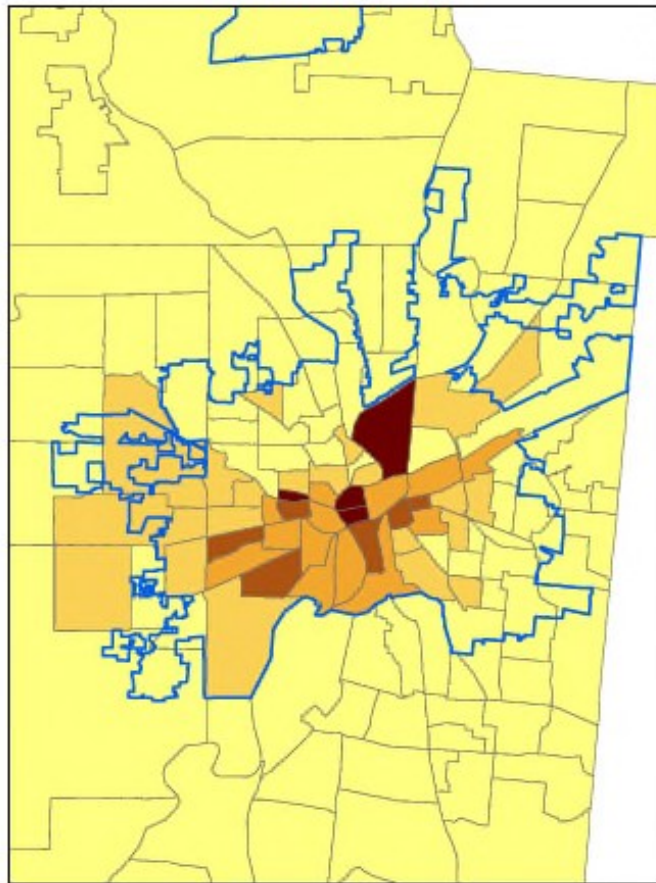
Average Weekly Earnings in Dayton and Cincinnati relative to Ohio and U.S., September 2007-2014 (2014 Constant Dollars)



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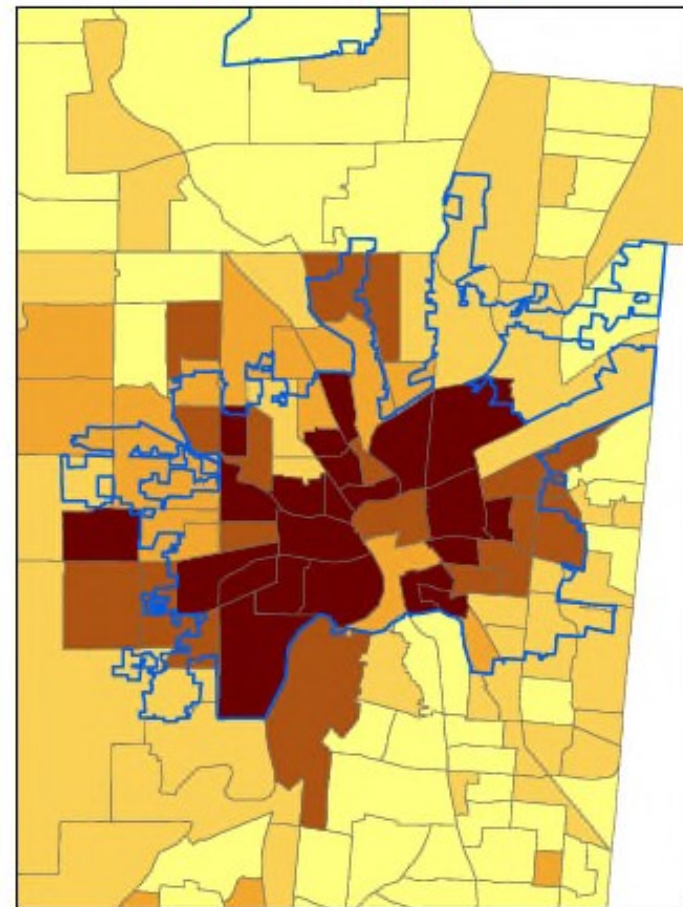
Increased Poverty

1970 Poverty Rates



Source: 1970 Decennial Census data from
Minnesota Population Center, National Historical
Geographic Information System; Version 2.0,
Minneapolis, MN; University of Minnesota 2011.
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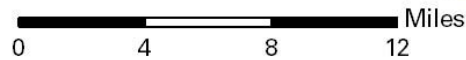
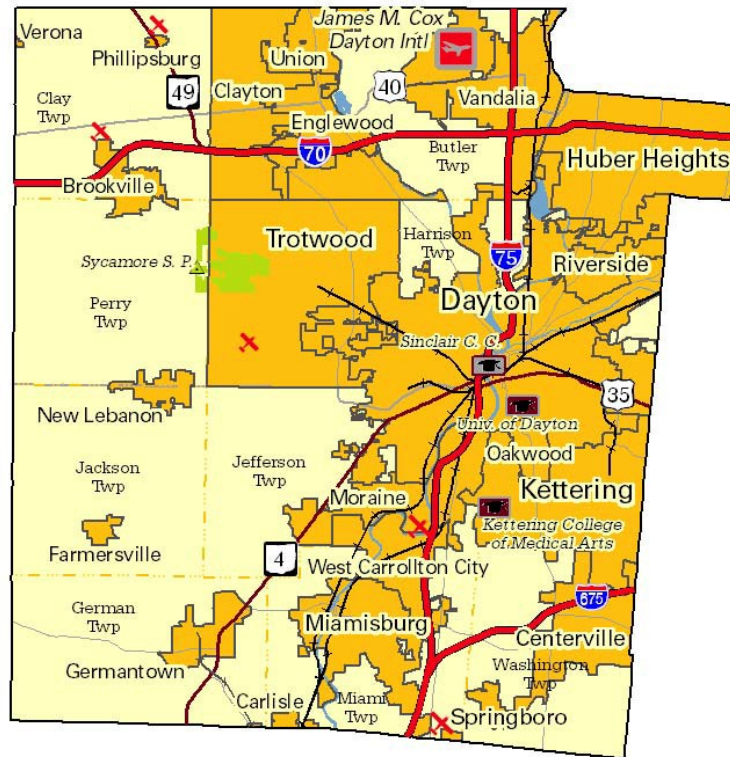
2009 - 2013 Poverty Rates



Source: American Community Survey
2013 Five-Year Estimates

Why does this matter?

Population loss



Projected

2020	513,830
2030	496,650
2040	489,390

Why does this matter?



- Our current government structure was formed over 200 years ago.
- Nothing thrives without change.
- Our two largest governments can work together as one unit under the same structure.
- The new structure may not be perfect but it will be better!

Why does this matter?



- Can we push down costs enough so that we, as a community, can invest in something tangible without raising taxes?
- What could we pay for that we cannot afford now if we lowered per capita costs of local government?

Key points

- School districts are not part of the proposed merger.
- Suburban jurisdictions will stay intact but will have representation on the new council.
- There will be a process in place to allow any jurisdiction to join later if they believe the new structure is working. Seven outlying jurisdictions have joined Louisville since their Metro Gov was formed in 2003.
- The initial charter document will be completed by December 2015.

What can you do?

- We need more champions.
- We need more dollars:
 - To fund an efficiency study to determine how much money the community will save operationally by combining services.
 - To fund a municipal finance study.
 - Additional legal research.