Ryan James is the newest member of Cincinnati City Council, where his agenda focuses on affordability, economic mobility, and creating opportunities for all residents.

Having experienced firsthand the challenges of economic hardship, Council Member James is deeply committed to supporting Cincinnati's most vulnerable residents. During the Great Recession of 2008, his mother's small business closed, resulting in the loss of their livelihood and home. He and his mother experienced homelessness for a year before rebuilding their lives. This experience shaped his commitment to public service and inspired his career-long dedication to helping individuals and families navigate their most challenging moments.

Before joining City Council, James built a career in the nonprofit sector, most recently serving as Director of Strategy for the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. Today, he brings that experience to public service, championing a policy agenda centered on affordability, economic opportunity, and ensuring city government shows up for residents when they need it most.