

Application to Fill Vacancy on Columbus City Council



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District in which you are applying to serve	District 7
Do you live within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus and within the district for which you are applying to serve? (Please verify by using our Residential District Map: https://tinyurl.com/4p3uwhtk)	
For how long?	September 2022
Do you own or rent? (If you rent, please attach your rental agreement below)	Rent
Attach rental agreement if applicable	Lease_Redacted.pdf
Are you registered to vote?	Yes
Registration address, if different than home address	
Do you hold any other public office except that of notary public, or member of the state militia or any reserve unit of the Armed Forces of the United States of America?	No
In 250 words or less, please include a statement that describes	My motivation for public service stems from my commitment to

your motivation for public service at this time; any past or current community involvement; the most important perspectives, priorities, or skillsets you bring to the role and what you see as the greatest challenges and opportunities facing the City and District 7.

empowering people and progress. Living, working, and parenting in Columbus, I see the city's potential when we enable inclusive growth, innovative solutions, and empower citizens through education and awareness to actively shape their community's future. My experience leading initiatives including the Create Columbus Commission and chronicling the city on the Confluence Cast demonstrates my dedication to engaging with Columbusites and fostering transparency in public work. I love showcasing Columbus and its people.

I bring a results-oriented approach, shaped by years of bridging gaps between diverse communities, organizations, and perspectives. My expertise in piloting and quantifying actionable initiatives—rather than merely ideating on what might be—ensures swift, meaningful impact. For example, I created ColumbusDistricts.com to educate residents about the transition to Residential Districts, promoting transparency and civic engagement.

District Seven is a microcosm of our city, reflecting its economic and racial diversity more than any other district. Like the city as a whole, stark disparities are evident within the district, with pockets of vulnerability, crime, and need. To address these challenges, we must focus on accountable and inclusive solutions. As a council member, I will prioritize public infrastructure, civic participation, and data transparency to empower residents and stakeholders to actively shape their community.

By building partnerships, advancing equity, and maintaining transparent communication, I aim to transform challenges into opportunities for collaboration and innovation. Together, we can ensure all of Columbus becomes a model for actionable change and inclusive growth.

Upload resume

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By signing this application, I attest to the following: 1. I am a qualified elector (registered voter). 2. You have been a resident in the district for which you're seeking office for one year. 3. That you do not hold any other public office except that of a notary public, member of the state militia, or any reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces.



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PROVEN LEADER | COMMUNITY CHAMPION | INNOVATION ADVOCATE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Partner 2018 to Present
Horizon Two Labs

- Executes the overall vision, strategy, and direction for the venture studio to identify, launch, and scale innovative startups.
- Builds and maintain strategic partnerships with corporations and other stakeholders to drive venture success and secure funding opportunities.
- Manage studio operations, including resource allocation, budgeting, and talent acquisition, to support the efficient execution of ventures.
- Lead ideation sessions, innovation sprints, and strategic workshops to generate and validate new business ideas.
- Conduct market and industry research to identify emerging opportunities and ensure venture ideas meet unmet needs.

Media and Engagement 2013 to 2018
Confluence Consultants

- Led engagement initiatives for a JobsOhio-sponsored fintech startup accelerator, fostering cross-sector collaboration through regional partnerships, community-focused events, and transparent stakeholder engagement.
- Produced and published *Robservations*, a podcast hosted by the creator of the blockbuster comic book *Deadpool*, and *DragCast*, featuring international drag queen and television personality Nina West.
- Led startup, technology, and community-focused content programming for Inventures, an internationally profiled event.
- Produced and emceed events ranging from fashion shows to trivia nights, engaging diverse audiences.
- Raised funds for local organizations, including Columbus Startup Week and Equitas Health, to support impactful programs.
- Designed and maintained websites as a freelance developer, providing digital solutions for clients and organizations.

Public Relations Coordinator & Web Content Manager 2008 to 2013
Wexner Center for the Arts / The Ohio State University

- Established engagement strategy, including key performance indicators, for donors and patrons.
- Secured local and national media coverage to elevate the organization's cultural and educational impact in Columbus.
- Co-founded and led *GenWex*, a young professional outreach program, raising community engagement and increasing donor contributions through innovative programming.
- Created and managed the center's website content and external communications messaging.

- Planned and executed events and campaigns to drive promotion and awareness.
- An instrumental member of the paper's redesign and relaunch.
- Managed various functions, including volunteer street team and client/advertising databases.

CIVIC LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY IMPACT

Host/Producer - **The Confluence Cast**

- Columbus-centric podcast focusing on the civics, lifestyle, entertainment, and people of the city.
- Ongoing partnership with local news platform, Columbus Underground.
- Sponsorship accountability and collaboration.

Chair - **Create Columbus Commission**

- Chair of Columbus, Ohio's commission for young professionals.
- Oversaw the transition from semi-government entity to an independent nonprofit organization.
- Restructured the organization to include committees and a formal cadence surrounding initiatives.
- Formalized grant-making and development initiatives.

Development Chair - **Columbus Startup Week**

- Generated budgets, goals, and benchmarks with national stakeholders.
- Raised more money (\$81,000) from local sponsors than any previous year.

Founder - **Columbus Podcast Festival**

- Founding organizer of the regional nonprofit festival.
- Oversaw all contracting and booking.
- Spearheaded the organization's expansion to facilitating the Columbus Podcast Awards.

SKILLS & CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Community Building:** Results- and values-oriented leader who achieves goals through collaboration, creative and critical thought, authenticity, and transparent communication.
- **Strategic Leadership:** Skilled problem solver with an entrepreneurial mindset, adept at building strategies, analyzing challenges, and evaluating outcomes effectively.
- **Transparency & Accountability:** Commitment to open communication and equitable governance practices.
- **Program Development:** Experience creating, piloting, and scaling initiatives that produce measurable civic impact.
- **Public Communication:** Skilled at engaging diverse audiences through public speaking, media relations, and storytelling.

EDUCATION

Master in the Study of Law – The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Certificate in the Legal Environment of Business, 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Economics – The Ohio State University
Minor in Political Science, 2011