

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? May 2006

Do you own or rent? (If you rent, please attach your rental agreement below) Own

Attach rental agreement if applicable

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 Since I moved here in 2001, Columbus has become my home. My

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.

resumé demonstrates that I work and volunteer where the mission aligns with my values, and my experiences have shaped me as a leader, advocate and community member.

I am passionate about our community. This is where I have learned about raising a family, union organizing, advocating for civil and migrant worker rights. In striving for equity, through actively listening, amplifying voices, and leaning into the guidance from elders and youth I have deepened my connections within Columbus and District 7. I recognize the long and storied history of the community I serve and always seek to be worthy of the trust placed in me. These collective experiences have guided my seven years on the Near East Area Commission, including two and a half years as Chair, where we worked tirelessly to improve transparency—such as streamlining our project review process to better serve our community, developers and City Council.

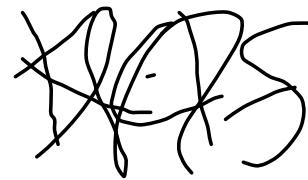
Today, Columbus faces significant challenges: housing affordability, community safety, and quality of life. These issues require innovative solutions informed by diverse perspectives. I have taken the time to learn our city's past, understand its present, and plan for its future.

If given the opportunity to serve on Columbus City Council, I will be a present, prudent decision-maker who centers equity, collaboration, and progress. Together, we will create opportunities for all residents to thrive—improving health outcomes, advancing education, and ensuring prosperity for everyone. Let's work together to build a stronger Columbus.

Upload resume

[KCurryDaSouza Resume 2024.12.2024.pdf](#)

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.



[Link to signature](#)

Kathryn (Kate) J Curry-Da-Souza

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DIRECTOR • BUSINESS ANALYST • WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Adept in managing and maintaining a diverse caseload of rapidly revolving clients with various needs and expectations. Skilled in interpretation, dissemination and analysis of public policy to produce awareness, understanding and action between stakeholders in order to enhance business growth, maximize resource and time efficiency. Possess a strong work ethic and the organizational skills required to quickly learn new tasks, assimilate complex information, meet weekly productivity standards and required deadlines. Comfortable working with diverse populations and in situations requiring creative out-of-the-box thinking. Trained and skilled in the following areas:

- Strategic Planning
- File Compliance and Management
- Customer Service and Client Retention
- Facilitation and Presentations
- Database and Clinical Documentation
- Office Administration and Staff Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Network Director Success by Third Grade – United Way of Central Ohio, Columbus, Ohio

2022 – Current

- Connect, convene, collaborate with school district administrators and staff, nonprofits, local governments, families, students, and key community stakeholders to address academic and nonacademic barriers to student success.
- Collaborate with partners and data analytics team to identify performance measures and tools to effectively collect and measure success and communicate the data and analysis to the community.

Program Manager Health Equities – Columbus Urban League, Columbus, Ohio

2019 – 2022

- Prepared and submitted monthly and annual department and program level budgets and fiscal reports, including quality assurance of documentation and data tracking. Managed and scheduled internal and community partner referrals; coordinated and supervised Health Equity programming, staff, volunteer and intern activities
- Conducted individual assessments for program eligibility, assisted individuals with identifying and accessing internal and external resources, and ensured timely and accurate documentation in all case file records.

Family Case Manager – National Youth Advocate Program, Columbus, Ohio

2018 – 2019

- Completed or revised the case plan with all family members that live in the home to assess the family's strengths and needs, as well as risk of harm to the child/children in the home by working closely with the youth and family to provide advocacy and support towards targeted goals. Prepared and participated in administrative and court reviews of cases.

Human Services Developer II – Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services, Office of Family Assistance, Columbus, Ohio

2017 – 2018

- Researched, planned, developed, wrote and implemented food assistance policies and procedures from federal acts, legislative analysis, administrative decisions and litigation.

User Acceptance Tester/Track Lead/TS4 – Dept. of Administrative Services Consultant, Columbus, Ohio

2016 – 2017

- Liaised between clients, business analysts and testing team to ensure high-value applications development. Mitigated delays in the testing schedule by developing contingency test plans, held discussions with in-person and remote testers to identify and resolve issues.

Case Manager – Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, Columbus, Ohio

2013 – 2016

- Determined benefit eligibility for food, medical and cash benefits based on federal and state policy guidelines and agency service goals and empowered customers with resources to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Developed an internal quality review process for clients with disabilities to ensure usage of full benefit opportunities.

Career Consultant – Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation, Columbus, Ohio

2012 – 2013

- Determined eligibility and priority for service: assured compliance with regulations, policies and procedures.
- Assisted and counseled job seekers in matching transferable skills to current and future job openings.

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio – Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

2010

TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Facilitator Project 2023 Cohort – Partnership 4 Success	2023
Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant , Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	2022 - 2026
Community Health Worker , Ohio Board of Nursing	2021 - 2025
Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant , Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	2021 - 2025
Notary , Ohio Secretary of State	2020 - 2025
Near East Side Neighborhood Leadership Academy – Partners Achieving Community Transformation	2018
Child Passenger Safety Technician – Safe Kids Worldwide	2017 - Current

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Near East Area Commission , Columbus, Ohio	2018 – 2024
Chair	2022 – 2024
Commissioner – District 2	2019 – 2024
Zoning Committee – Community Member Seat	2018 – 2019
Community Festival , Columbus, Ohio	2004 – Current
Clean Up and Recycling Committee	2003 – Current
Emcee	2019 – Current
Grants Committee	2018 – 2021
Near East Neighbors , Columbus, Ohio	2016 – Current
Near East Egg Hunt – Eldon and Elsie Ward YMCA	2017 – Current
Trick or Treat – Woodland Park	2016 – 2023
A Night Out at the Movies – Eldon and Elsie Ward YMCA	2018
East High Mighty Marching Tiger Band Boosters , Columbus, Ohio	2022 – Current
Concession Stand Volunteer and Fundraiser	2022 – Current
Near Eastside Community Advisory Committee , Columbus, Ohio	2023 – Current
Community Member Representative	2023 – Current
Boy Scouts of America – Simon Kenton Council , Columbus, OH	
Troop 262, St. Paul AME	
Committee Member	2024 – Current
Troop 16, Immaculate Conception Church	
Committee Member	2014 – 2020
Merit Badge Counselor	2014 – 2020
Day of the Dead Columbus , Columbus, Ohio	2019 – 2021
Volunteer Coordinator	
Columbus Recreation and Parks , Columbus, Ohio	
Volunteer - Beatty Recreation Center	2022 – 2024
Columbus City Schools , Columbus, Ohio	
Parent Volunteer – Ecole Kenwood	2018 – 2024
Parent Volunteer – Ecole Kenwood	2007 – 2013
Columbus Public Health , Columbus, Ohio	2017 – Current
Car Seat Check Volunteer – Child Passenger Safety Technician (Self-Insured)	