

# Application to Fill Vacancy on Columbus City Council



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Address	403 S. 22nd Street
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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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4p3uwhtk">https://tinyurl.com/4p3uwhtk</a> )	Yes
For how long?	I began living in District 7 in August 2019.
Do you own or rent? (If you rent, please attach your rental agreement below)	Rent
Attach rental agreement if applicable	<a href="#">LEASE AGREEMENT.pdf</a>
Are you registered to vote?	Yes
Registration address, if different than home address	N/A
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	I am pursuing the City Council District 7 seat because I love Columbus.

**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.**

This is where I was born, and where I have chosen to build my life. I want to help build a Columbus that works for all.

I am a housing lawyer, which means that I fight for Columbus residents facing housing instability, in eviction court and through legal advocacy. I am motivated by the stories I hear every day at work and in my neighborhood: of families forced into unsafe housing because there is not enough of it and the market is rigged, of newly arrived refugees who need the bus to come on time so they can get to work, of parents with young kids, and small business owners, all excited, though sometimes also anxious, about their ability to build a future here.

Even as I know the challenges many face, I'm also motivated by how much our region has to offer. I'm queer, and am inspired by the courage and creativity of Columbus' LGBTQ community. I'm Jewish, and am reinvigorated by shabbat dinners with neighbors and friends. I'm a union member and volunteer. I would bring all that to my role as City Council Member, plus my perspective and skill at being an advocate for people in this City.

I am committed to the important work ahead here in Columbus of moving our city with intention and strategy into a more equitable future. I respectfully request consideration for the City Council District 7 Vacancy.

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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.



[Link to signature](#)

## Jesse H. Vogel

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### Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio

*Staff Attorney (Sept. '24 – Present), Equal Justice Works Fellow (Sept. '22 – Sept. '24)*

Sept. 2022 – Present  
Columbus, Ohio

- Represents individuals and tenant groups to remedy unsafe housing conditions, preserve affordable housing, and protect low-income families' economic well-being through litigation and administrative advocacy.
- Co-designed, won funding for, and led Equal Justice Works fellowship project to assist tenants in housing matters to reduce exploitative landlord practices impacting immigrant and refugee communities in Central Ohio.
- Spearheaded team effort to ensure adequate interpretation and translation help for limited English proficiency persons attempting to obtain and use federal housing assistance through the Section 8 program in Central Ohio.

### Harvard Legal Aid Bureau

*Summer Counsel, Housing Law Practice*

May 2021 – Aug. 2021  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

- 1 of 2 selected by Ohio State Bar Association to receive Moyer Fellowship to support access to justice work.
- Represented individuals and tenants associations in eviction defense and consumer protection matters.
- Assisted in cross-organization effort to challenge discriminatory practices of large non-profit housing manager.

### Chief Judge Algenon L. Marbley, Southern District of Ohio

*Legal Extern*

Jan. 2021 – May 2021  
Columbus, Ohio

- Drafted opinions and orders on variety of substantive areas of law including § 1983 claims, post-conviction relief for incarcerated individuals, First Amendment, and social security disability insurance.
- Co-wrote memorandum summarizing case law on excessive force and First Amendment violations in protests following the murder of George Floyd to assist in drafting of *Alsaada v. City of Columbus, Ohio*.

### ArchCity Defenders

*Legal Intern, Housing and Homelessness Law Practice*

May 2020 – Aug. 2020  
St. Louis, Missouri

- Conducted legal research and advocacy that led St. Louis City courts to extend local eviction moratorium due to its potential due process violations and detrimental health impacts during COVID pandemic.
- Researched Fourth Amendment challenges to police searches of hotel/motel housing for homeless.
- Drafted Answer and other key documents for client facing eviction lawsuit brought by landlord in receivership.

### Partnership for Responsible Growth

*Managing Director*

Jan. 2017 – June 2019  
Washington, D.C.

- Directed strategy, operations and advocacy for organization advancing national climate policy through Congressional education, grass-tops organizing in key states, and stakeholder dialogues.
- Organized dialogues on coal community economic diversification in West Virginia and Kentucky with National Wildlife Federation that informed the *Coal Community Sourcebook: Ideas from Local Voices* (2020). <[Link](#)>.
- Co-organized with Senior Staff at Pew Charitable Trusts 8 half-day listening sessions for 15 national environmental NGOs and 11 industry and advocate groups on carbon pricing and other federal climate policies.

### Hillary for America

*Regional Organizing Director*

Aug. 2016 – Nov. 2016  
Montgomery County, Ohio

- Managed field operations, strategy, and hiring in highly diverse region of a bellwether county.
- Directed hiring and training of 8 organizers with varied backgrounds & experience and led volunteer trainings.
- Set and achieved goals for voter registration, volunteer recruitment, canvassing and get-out-the-vote.

### Tax Equity Advisors, LLC

*Executive Assistant*

June 2015 – July 2016  
Washington, D.C.

- Principal office administrator for solar tax equity investment firm founded by former federal government officials.
- Developed prospective client database based on key financial metrics found in public filings.

### Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

*Legal Assistant – Energy & Infrastructure Finance, Corporate Transactions*

June 2014 – May 2015  
Washington, D.C.

- Supported 39 attorneys in two practice groups in drafting, proofreading and revising energy project finance and merger and acquisition documents and Securities and Exchange Commission filings; assisted in due diligence.
- Primary assistant to Singapore corporate transactions practice group on international deals.

### U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change Negotiations

*Accredited Observer – Center for American Progress, Partnership for Responsible Growth*

Nov. 2013 – Dec. 2015

- Tracked international negotiations and contributed original reporting on developments toward a new climate accord featured in award-winning climate blog *climateprogress.org* c('13, '14).
- Represented climate change policy advocacy organization at 17 events and roundtables and liaised with government and business leaders to advance dialogue on equitable carbon pricing as key climate policy tool.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP**

- Franklin County Juvenile Court Community Restorative Justice Circles** .....Nov. 2021 – Present  
Community member volunteer for court-operated diversion program to provide alternatives to punishment for youth
- Central Ohio Jews for Justice, Volunteer** .....Jan. 2021 – Present  
Community member volunteer for community organization that creates opportunities for Central Ohio Jews, regardless of denomination or affiliation, to align on social justice issues.
- Central Ohio Housing Action Network** ..... May 2020 – May 2022  
Co-founder of grassroots community legal project supported by over 200 volunteers providing know-your-rights and financial resource information to thousands of renters facing eviction, as well as community education and organizing.
- Launch Progress Political Action Committee** ..... Jan. 2017 – June 2019  
Member of leadership team of PAC building the bench of progressive leadership by supporting young and diverse candidates for state and local office; recruited candidates and directed Ohio endorsement process.
- LGBT Rainbow History Project** ..... July 2018 – June 2019  
Organized community viewing and conversation on HIV/AIDS politics and history at Whitney Museum of Art's *David Wojnarowicz: History Keeps Me Awake at Night* with members of grassroots organization, VOCAL-NY.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

- “Landlord/Tenant Law and Immigrant Communities.” Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Course at Clark County Bar Association, as part of Immigration / Legal CLE Series – Springfield, OH. 22 June 2023.
- “Housing Law.” Poverty Law Course at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law – Columbus, OH. 1 March 2023. Guest Lecturer.
- “Movement Lawyering Career Panel.” Public Interest Law Foundation at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law – Columbus, OH. 23 February 2021. Panel moderator.
- “Perspectives on Pricing Carbon.” McCourt Energy & Environment Event. McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University – Washington, DC. 17 January 2017. Panel presentation.
- “Climate Justice that Works in the International Climate Regime.” Conference paper. Theorizing Climate Change Policies, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April 2-4, 2015.

## **EDUCATION**

### **The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, Ohio**

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2022

Michael E. Moritz Scholar (full-tuition merit scholarship)

Numerical Avg.: 93.4 (top 15% is 93.5)

Recipient of the Michael E. Moritz Leadership Award for service and leadership to the law school community

- Research Assistant on After Action Review led by former U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart at John Glenn College of Public Affairs evaluating City of Columbus’ response to summer 2020 protests (Jan. 2021 – May 2021)
- Research Assistant to Professor Marc Spindelman (May 2020 – May 2022)
- Student Bar Association Appointee to Faculty Appointments Committee in charge of law faculty hiring
- Vice President of the Public Interest Law Foundation (May 2020 – May 2021)
- Moot Court Program, *Travel Team Member*
- Pro Bono Research Group, *President*
- Student Bar Association, *Member*
- IMPACT Community Action, *Board Fellow*

### **Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio**

Bachelor of Arts, Politics (major), *with high honors*, June 2014

- Oberlin College Student Senate, Senator and Director of Appointments (Sept. 2013 – Feb. 2014)

## **LANGUAGE SKILL**

Spanish

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Ohio, Southern District of Ohio