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1. Why do you wish to serve on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees?:

I want to be a productive part of my community. Serving as a community representative on the Ohio City Board of Trustees is a unique opportunity for me to leverage my strengths and experiences to benefit the community I love. During the 12 years I've lived here, I have grown connected and committed to the community of neighbors, families, businesses and visitors. Ohio City is home to a diverse set of stakeholders with an equally diverse set of perspectives on what actually makes it a great neighborhood. I am a firm believer that Ohio City must preserve what has traditionally made it a great neighborhood and balance those things with the changes that inevitably accompany growth. I hope to be a part of ensuring that balance.

2. Please describe your experience in the areas checked in Part 2. Include any special achievements and/or any experiences that you feel would enhance the organization. :

I am an executive coach and business consultant. The skills I use at work to help individuals and organizations identify solutions on complex situations will serve me well on the Ohio City Board. As an internal Strategy consultant at National City Corporation, I supported business lines develop and present their growth and efficiency plans to top management and the corporate board. As an external consultant I helped small businesses and non-profits develop and enhance board governance and operations that increased trustee engagement and effectiveness. I developed my relevant Community Connections and Outreach Skills primarily through my board work which I describe more completely in my following answers.

3. Describe your involvement in Ohio City neighborhood organizations or Ohio City Incorporated sponsored committees, projects, or block clubs. :

My husband and I volunteered for the 2009 Home Tour when our home was on the Sunday Tour. The following year, we also served on the Home Tour Committee. In 2012 I co-founded the Near West Family Network. This all-volunteer non-profit promotes and supports family life in the near west neighborhoods of Cleveland by hosting family-oriented activities and promoting services, events, and other organizations that help families thrive in Cleveland. Many of the NWFN-sponsored activities are located in Ohio City including Fairview Park Ice Cream Socials and the annual Easter Egg Hunt. My involvement on the board included periods of serving as President, Treasurer, and leading a strategic planning process to clarify the organization's mission and top priorities. I recently stepped off the NWFN Board but continue to be a huge supporter and volunteer as much as I am able.

4. Describe your involvement in non-Ohio City neighborhood organizations/activities. :

I served on the board of Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland (NHSGC) Board for 6 years. Additionally, I served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Cleveland Land Trust for a little over a year before the organizations merged with NHSGC. Both organizations are focused on keeping neighborhoods livable and ensuring homeowners are informed, prepared, and supported. While on the NHSGC board, I served as 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and then as President for my final year. I stepped off the board last February, but continued to support the organization as a co-chair of the Search Committee for their new executive director. I continue to serve as a non-board member on the NHSGC Governance Committee.