



Helen Qin

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

I've had the privilege of serving my first term on the OCI Board of Trustees. About six months ago, I was asked to create and chair a committee for Community and Engagement. We currently have eleven members, of whom eight are residents and non-board members, my hope is to continue serving on the board so that I can build the Community and Engagement committee from its infancy and grow it into a force to further the passion and dedication many of the residents feel towards the Ohio City neighborhood and its stakeholders.

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 was born in China and am a native speaker of Mandarin Chinese. Since 2008, I've primarily worked on the bank finance/lending side as an analyst to current vice president – relationship management, concentrating in commercial real estate transactions. I spent two years on the real estate developer side as well, working for a local Cleveland multifamily developer on the accounting side and the asset management/dispositions side.

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

I've served on the OCI board for the past 3 years, starting in the finance committee and transitioning to the real estate committee. I also started and chair the community and engagement committee. For the past two years, I've served on the Evening in Ohio City subcommittee, once as co-chair. I was also part of the 2017-2019 Ohio City Strategic Planning for the neighborhood and also attend the Randall-Woodbine-Bridge-John (under Kathleen Knittel) block club regularly. Finally, my husband and I are not only residents in the neighborhood, but also business stakeholders – we own Mason's Creamery and enjoy hosting community events such as Global Table potluck and movie nights during the summer.

4. Describe your involvement in non-Ohio City neighborhood

organizations/activities. :For better or worse, I probably spend the majority of the non-working time focused in Ohio City, but I am also a part of the Young Leader's Group of Urban Land Institute, a nonprofit research and education organization dedicated to responsible land use, including smart growth, place-making, and progressive development. I'm also part of an informal real estate networking group.