

OHIO CITY INCORPORATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICATION

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Part 1: Candidate Information

Please fill out your contact information below. Personal information including address, email, and phone number will not be shared.

Name:	Joel Wimbiscus						
Address:	3906 Clinton	City:	Cleveland	State:	Ohio	Zip:	44113
Phone:		Email:					
Ohio City Incorporated Membership:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am currently a Resident Member in-good-standing <input type="checkbox"/> My Resident Membership form is attached to this application						
Length of Ohio City residency?	10 3/4 years						

Part 2: Experience & Professional Expertise

Please check the areas in which you have experience and/or professional expertise. Responses to Part 2 will be made available to Ohio City Incorporated membership prior to the election.

<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Developer/Builder	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bilingual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Activist	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Connections	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Contractor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real Estate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design/Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning

Part 3: Personal Statement

Please answer the following questions & attach with your application. Limit 1 page, single-spaced. Responses to Part 3 will be made available to Ohio City Incorporated membership prior to the election.

- 1) Why do you wish to serve on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees?
- 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.
- 3) Describe your involvement in Ohio City neighborhood organizations or Ohio City Incorporated sponsored committees, projects, or block clubs.
- 4) Describe your involvement in non-Ohio City neighborhood organizations/activities.

Applicant Signature

This application was completed to the best of my knowledge and in good faith:

	Joel J. Wimbiscus	3/9/17
Signature	Print	Date

1) I'd like to continue to serve on the Ohio City Board of Directors because I believe that a well-guided and effective cdc can strengthen and unite people in our community. We have a neighborhood that is old, new and unique; decisions made about the place and people must be done with a thoughtful awareness of the various factors that impact this neighborhood's direction. Ohio City is a neighborhood with many moving parts; there is a dynamic mix of people, buildings and spaces. People here care, communicate, and get involved.

I deeply believe in listening and that no single voice or person completely understands the best solution to any neighborhood problem. There are no boilerplate solutions to neighborhood decisions as I've learned through board work and as a project manager at LAND studio. People who live in the neighborhood are the ones who best understand the myriad nuances that form the puzzle pieces of a neighborhood's personality. In my work life, I focus on identifying those puzzle pieces so that the project's design is right for its neighborhood. I believe these professional skills have proven to be important and valuable to OCI during my tenure as a board member.

Finally, being part of this neighborhood is exciting and enhances my family's life. As the fifth of six kids to a single mom, I learned first-hand about the importance of my West Park neighborhood and the value of living in a supportive community. Now, my five kids can walk or bike just about anywhere and learn from the vibrancy of their community. They benefit from adults and friends in the neighborhood who are there for them. I want to contribute to sustaining the strengths of this urban community and fostering innovative approaches to our evolving challenges.

2) Please describe your experience in the areas checked in part 2.

Law: My legal background (Juris Doctor, Ohio state bar) is useful as I work frequently with real estate legal issues.

Bilingual: Fluent in Spanish; I lived for 3.5 years in Dominican Republic, Peru, and Guatemala.

Community Connections: My 10+ years at LAND studio, 7 years on the OCI board as well being an active parent at Near West Intergenerational School has fostered connections with families, non-profits, businesses, schools, and community members.

Architecture/Design and Real Estate: Over the past decade, I have coordinated urban design plans for urban parks, trails, and public art in Cleveland including Perk Park, Public Square, Uptown Plaza, Red Line Greenway, Cleveland Foundation/Lake Link Trail and Wendy Park Bridge. I have served as the Chair of OCI's Real Estate and Land Use Committee for the past several years.

Education: I have taught 5 years at the high school level in Peru and 3 different US cities.

Grant writing: I have written numerous successful grant applications at LAND studio. I lead the effort to secure a \$1.4 million Clean Ohio grant to purchase land on Irishtown Bend for a future park. I worked with the Metroparks team to secure a \$7.9 million USDOT TIGER grant to fund trails in/adjacent to Ohio City.

Strategic Planning: Steering committee member on several past OCI strategic plan processes.

3) Describe your involvement in OC neighborhood organizations.

My wife and I are part of the founding group of parents at Near West Intergenerational School. I served as the organizer of the Ohio City fundraiser Run and Crawl from 2008-2011. I was the OCI board secretary (2011-2013) and OCI board vice-president (2013-2015). I was a coach for Near West Rec Lego League (2013). I am a member of the Franklin-Clinton block club since 2006. My wife and I have been members of the Ohio City Babysitting Co-op since 2007. Our family is part of Near West Family Network. I work at LAND studio which is located in Ohio City.

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

With LAND studio, I regularly work with other CDCs, non-profits, block clubs, and City Hall. Neighborhoods: Tremont, University Circle, Collinwood, Buckeye, Glenville and Downtown. A few of my projects include: Design and construction of Perk Park; Rockefeller Park Strategic Plan; CWRU Strategic Plan; St. Luke's Campus.

Joel Wimbiscus, JD, MUPPD

3906 Clinton Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

PROFILE

Bilingual urban planner with legal training and expertise in public space and trails

EXPERIENCE

Project Manager, LAND studio; Cleveland, Ohio — 2006-present

Plans public space projects

Planning Intern, University Circle Incorporated; Cleveland, Ohio — 2005-2006

Intern in UCI planning department

Intern, Bibbs Law Firm, Memphis, Tennessee — 2003

Assisted with contracts and civil suits

Spanish teacher, Father Ryan High School; Nashville, Tennessee — 2001-2002

Taught high school Spanish

Spanish teacher, University of Detroit High School; Detroit, Michigan — 1998-2000

Taught high school Spanish, led summer service trip to Dominican Republic

Jesuit Volunteers International, Cristo Rey School; Tacna, Peru — 1996-1998

High school English and social studies teacher

EDUCATION

Cleveland State University, Levine College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland, Ohio — **Masters in Urban Planning, Design and Development (MUPPD)**, 2005-2007

University of Memphis School of Law, Memphis, Tennessee — **Juris Doctor**, 2002-2005

Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio — **Bachelors of Arts (Psychology)**, 1992-1996

St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, Ohio — 1988-1992

COMMUNITY

Ohio City Incorporated, Board of Directors, Cleveland, Ohio — 2007-present

Secretary, 2010 - 2012

Vice President, 2012 - 2014

Chair, Real Estate and Land Use committee, 20014-present

CERTIFICATIONS

Bar of Ohio, admission — July, 2005

LEED-AP, United States Green Building Council — 2010

9. Commit to uphold and comply with fiduciary duties of care, loyalty, compliance, and to maintain accounts as provided under Ohio law.
10. Disclose any potential conflict of interest with OCI and possess the ability to make independent decisions, unencumbered by material conflict of interest.
11. Refrain from discussing or sharing confidential Board business with non-board members in accordance with our confidentiality policies.
12. Be willing to participate in periodic Board of Trustee self-evaluations and annual board evaluations, and be open to constructive feedback on performance as a board member.
13. Support in a positive manner all actions taken by the Board of Trustees even when in a minority position on such actions. Recognize that decisions of the Board can be made only by a majority vote at a Board meeting and respect the majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes through ethical and constructive channels.
14. Exercise authority as a Board of Trustee only when acting in a meeting with the full board or as delegated by the Board.
15. Refrain from intruding on administrative and personnel issues that are the responsibility of the Executive Director, except to monitor the results of the organization.
16. Represent OCI in a positive and supportive manner at all times.
17. Abide by this Statement of Expectations, the Confidentiality Agreement, the Conflict of Interest Agreement, and all other Board operating policies and procedures.

I understand that as a member of the Board of Trustees for Ohio City Incorporated, I will be held accountable to the expectations above on an annual basis.

- I agree to the above statements and will comply with the requirements
- I cannot meet these expectations

Signature:

Joel J. Wimbiscus

Date:

3/9/17

Print Name:

Joel J. Wimbiscus