

For the past 3 years, I have had the privilege of serving on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees. It is with much gratitude and appreciation that I express my interest in seeking another term.

I hope to continue working with residents/stakeholders, OCI staff, and my Board colleagues on meaningful community initiatives. During my tenure we have covered a lot of ground, but one of the projects I am most proud of is the creation of the Near West Land Trust, which will help maintain long term affordable housing in the neighborhood.

Thinking strategically about OCI's future direction, if re-elected I hope to assist OCI in advancing the important work we have started. Examples of some of this critical work include:

- 1) Continued implementation of OCI's Racial Equity and Inclusion Policy and antiracism work
- 2) Addressing decades long air quality and environmental justice issues affecting Ohio City residents
- 3) Repeal and replacement of the City's Townhouse legislation and advocating for equitable development
- 4) Advocating for improved bike and pedestrian infrastructure and better parking solutions
- 5) Development of a new and improved Franklin Circle with green infrastructure and landscaping enhancements
- 6) Improving OCI's communication with residents and stakeholders while increasing opportunities for neighborhood enrichment
- 7) Ensuring Ohio City remains a safe and inviting place to live for *all* residents

I am a public servant and attorney at Cleveland Metroparks. At the Metroparks, I represent the park district with its management and stewardship of 18 park reservations spanning more than 24,000 acres, with more than 300 miles of trails, eight golf courses, eight lakefront parks and a nationally acclaimed zoo. My work at Cleveland Metroparks includes projects that improve the quality of life for Ohio City residents, including the Red Line Greenway, the Whiskey Island Connector Trail, and the new Wendy Park Bridge connecting Ohio City residents directly to the lakefront. In addition, I am currently assisting with a collaboration between Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Antioch University on a new three-year community engagement project in Ohio City.

Prior to joining Cleveland Metroparks, I worked as a civil litigator at Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP, an AmLaw 200 business law firm with offices in Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Hackensack, San Francisco, Shanghai, and Wilmington.

I am a Latinx immigrant who came to the US from São Paulo, Brazil at 5 years old. My family lived all over the US, but I settled in Ohio to pursue my education. I have a B.A., in Political Science and a Juris Doctorate from Cleveland State University. I was initially drawn to Ohio City as a renter and loved the neighborhood so much we bought a house so we could make Ohio City our forever home. What I enjoy most about Ohio City is its residents and how deeply they care for each other and the community.

While serving on the Board for the past 3 years, I worked extensively on issues surrounding housing and development on the Real Estate and Land Use committee. I also served as Co-Chair of the Community Engagement Committee where I worked with staff and board members to implement OCI's Racial Equity and Inclusion Policy.

As a resident of Ohio City for 8 years, my husband and I are both very involved in the community. We have spent the past 6 years learning about historic preservation from our neighbors while we slowly restore our 1880s Victorian home. We are both active members of the Franklin/Clinton Block Club. I've volunteered at the OC Street Festival, OC Home Tour, Kentucky Gardens, the May Dugan Center, NHS Cleveland, and anywhere else I can be of assistance. My husband is a Near West Rec coach who helped create the program's first ever youth Track & Field club and serves as a reading mentor and board member for Near West Intergenerational School. We love living in a historic district, we love the walkability, the front porch culture, and all the amenities in our neighborhood, but most of all we love the people that call Ohio City home.

I look forward to what is ahead for our community, and I would be honored to represent Ohio City residents and stakeholders by serving on the Board of Trustees for a second term.