



## OHIO CITY INCORPORATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICATION

Alex Frondorf, Board President  
Virginia Benjamin, Governance Committee Chair  
Jane Platten, Interim Executive Director

**September 06, 2024**

OCI is currently seeking candidates to fill five Board of Trustee seats which are up for election on Tuesday October 22nd, 2024. Qualified candidates must submit their applications electronically or via mail on or before September 14th, 2024. Applications can be submitted to Jane Platten@jplattenhioicity.org or Helen Smith, hksmith42@hotmail.com .

### OHIO CITY INCORPORATED MISSION:

We lead the development of Ohio City by collaborating to address the needs of a diverse community of engaged people, driving new investments in and preserving the quality of a historic place, and promoting an inviting urban neighborhood for all.

### ELIGIBILITY:

The Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees consists of 12 resident-elected seats and 5 to 10 appointed seats for community stakeholders. Resident-elected trustees must be residents of the Ohio City neighborhood and a member of Ohio City Incorporated on or before submitting your application.

If you are not a member, visit [ohiocity.org/membership](https://ohiocity.org/membership) to submit a membership application. **To confirm membership, contact Brandon Collier at [bcollier@ohiocity.org](mailto:bcollier@ohiocity.org) or 330-604-4706.**

In order to be considered a candidate, a signed copy of the *Ohio City Incorporated Board Expectations* document must be submitted with this application. **Applications are due no later than September 14th 2024.**

Please contact our office by phone or in person or visit [ohiocity.org/board](https://ohiocity.org/board) to review the statement of expectations and commitments.

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

**I agree to the expectations and will comply with the requirements.**

**I cannot meet these expectations.**

*Christopher L Martin*

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9/14/24

**Signature**

**Print**

**Date**

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Please ensure the following items below are included with your application. Personal information including address, email, and phone number will not be shared. The rest of your application will be posted on the Ohio City Incorporated website and at relevant candidate events.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Part 1: Candidate Information               | <input type="checkbox"/> Application Signed & Dated                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part 2: Experience & Professional Expertise | <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Ohio City Incorporated Board Expectations Document* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part 3: Personal Statement                  |   |

\*Available online at [ohiocity.org/board](https://ohiocity.org/board)

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## PART 1 : CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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

<b>Name:</b>	Christopher L Martin				
<b>Address:</b>		<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Email:</b>			
<b>Ohio City Incorporated Membership:</b>	<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.				

## 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 type="checkbox"/> Bilingual	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Real Estate
<input 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) In what ways do you feel your strengths, knowledge, skills, and experience will help Ohio City Incorporated further it's mission?
  
- 3) Describe your involvement in Ohio City and/or non-Ohio City neighborhood organizations. Include Ohio City Incorporated sponsored committees, projects, or block clubs if applicable.

## APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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

*Christopher L Martin*

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9/14/24

**Signature**

**Print**

**Date**

### FORMS CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA MAIL OR E-MAIL TO:

**Ohio City Incorporated**  
**ATTN. OCI Governance Committee**  
**3308 Lorain Avenue**  
**Cleveland, OH 44113**

Helen Smith, Governance Committee : [hksmith42@hotmail.com](mailto:hksmith42@hotmail.com)  
 Jane Platten, Interim Executive Director : [jplatten@ohiocity.org](mailto:jplatten@ohiocity.org)



Community development corporations have a rich history in Cleveland and a vital role in shaping the future of our neighborhoods. I want to serve on the Ohio City Inc. Board of Trustees to honor that history and to contribute to our shared future.

I am a politically active resident. I have canvassed many of your doors as a precinct committeeperson for the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party. As a member of Clevelanders for Public Transit, how well RTA serves our neighborhood is very important to me. As a vocal city resident, I have fought to ensure our right to public comment is protected. I am a member of the South of Lorain Block Club.

By education, I am well-qualified to serve the Board of Trustees. I am an attorney with a master's degree in public administration. I have experience interacting with various local, state, and federal government agencies. I am experienced with parliamentary procedure. I have a basic understanding of non-profit law.

I want to serve on the Ohio City Inc. Board of Trustees because I think I can be of value to the organization, I would be proud to serve, and I believe I can make a strong difference in ensuring that our neighborhood prospers long into the future.