



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 to submit a membership application. **To confirm membership, contact Brandon Collier at 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 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.

James Asimes

September 14, 2024

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

OHIO CITY INCORPORATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPLICATION

PART 1 : CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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

Name:	James Asimes				
Address:		City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:		Email:			
Ohio City Incorporated Membership:	<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently a Resident Member in-good-standing <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Developer/Builder	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources
<input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Activist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance/Lending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marketing
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Connections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction Contractor	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real Estate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design/Architecture	<input checked="" 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.

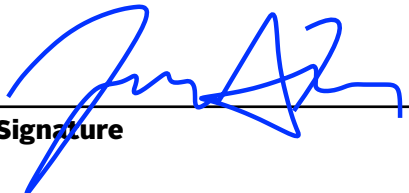
- 1) Why do you wish to serve on the Ohio City Incorporated Board of Trustees?

- 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:

 Signature	James Asimes Print	September 14, 2024 Date
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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
 Jane Platten, Interim Executive Director : jplatten@ohiocity.org



September 14, 2024

**Ohio City ,Inc.
Personal Statement
James Asimes**

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

My motivation to serve on the OCI board of trustees is rooted in service and a desire to give back to the community within which I live and work. I relish the opportunity to contribute to an organization that helps improve the lives of my family, my friends and my neighbors, those that live in the neighborhood, those that work in the neighborhood. I believe in the mission of Ohio City Inc. and hope to apply my effort, experience, and expertise to ensure that the limited financial resources available to the organization can make an outsized impact on the neighborhood.

I grew up in a Cleveland suburb light on community and caught the bug to want to live in Ohio City since I attended St. Ignatius High School. After college I moved back to Ohio City and have been in the neighborhood for over a decade. It's the first place I've lived where I have been able to feel a sense of community and the benefits that come from it.

2) In what ways do you feel your strengths, knowledge, skills, and experience will help Ohio City Incorporated further it's mission?

I have spent the past eight years working in real estate development, leasing, construction, and real estate finance and my education background is in law and business. I currently own my own real estate development and construction company that has completed two projects in Ohio City and is in the midst of four additional projects in the neighborhood. As a small business owner and in working on small teams and organizations in previous roles, I have had to wear many hats related to real estate. I know the ins and outs of the neighborhood and how real estate intersects with the lives of residents and other constituents of Ohio City.

For seven years I served on the annual fund board for my undergrad alma mater, Kenyon College and continue to be involved in alumni activities. It provided good experience in fundraising and alumni engagement - areas that I believe would apply towards executing the OCI mission to neighborhood constituents.

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.

I have lived in Ohio City for more than eleven years: it is where I met my wife, bought my first house, and welcomed my first child home. It is also where I started my own real estate development company and continue to invest my time and money into new projects in the neighborhood.

I volunteered as a youth baseball coach for Near West Recreation for two years. I have been an intermittent attendant of block club meetings - both my own block clubs and those of which I have presented projects in the past.