

# Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Application

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**COLUMBUS**  
CITY COUNCIL

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I am interested in serving on the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. By checking this box I am affirming that I understand this appointment will be a 2-3 year commitment.	Yes, I understand
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I understand that this document will be a public record and any information I provide could be subject to release upon request.	Yes, I understand
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Date of application	02/14/2025
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## Contact Information

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Gender	Female
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Pronouns	She/Her/Hers
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Indicate home, work, mobile for primary number	Mobile
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Secondary phone number	
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If you have a social media presence (Instagram, Facebook, X, Tiktok, LinkedIn, etc.) please share the best way to find you	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/feed/?trk=guest_homepage-basic_google-one-tap-submit">https://www.linkedin.com/feed/?trk=guest_homepage-basic_google-one-tap-submit</a>
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Residential street address	2128 Statham Ct
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City	Dublin
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Zip code	43016
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How many years have you lived in the City of Columbus?	Dublin
What district of the City of Columbus do you live in? (1-9 or outside of city limits)	1
Age	26-35

## Personal Information

Country of origin (or country of origin of your parents, if applicable)	India
How long have you lived in the US? (date of arrival)	
What immigrant group or groups do you represent?	South Asian
What languages do you speak and rate your fluency in each (basic, conversational, fluent, or proficient)	Hindi - basic
Do you identify as one of the following: Immigrant (a person who has come to a country that is not their own in order to live there permanently), Refugee (a person who has come to a country that is not their own to avoid persecution in their country of origin), First-Generation (children of foreign-born parents)	Yes
Ethnicity and race (please check all that apply)	Asian (Chinese, Vietnamese, Bhutanese, etc.)
Occupation (if retired, please share former occupation)	Key Client Executive
Do you identify with any of the following affinity groups?	Not applicable

## Questionnaire

Why are you interested in serving on this commission? (maximum 250 words)	<p>Immigrants, refugees, and New Americans are the backbone of Columbus. Their contributions are immeasurable and integral to our city's vitality. Immigrants not only fill essential jobs but also drive economic growth, foster innovation, and bring fresh perspectives into our community. Today, 10% of Columbus' population is foreign-born, and these individuals accounted for approximately 11.5% of our region's GDP in 2019. Despite these significant contributions, many in these communities continue to face barriers to representation in government, and their voices too often go unheard.</p> <p>As a first-generation Indian American, born and raised in Columbus, I have witnessed firsthand the city's transformation and the critical role immigrant communities play in that evolution. I have experienced the challenges of adapting to a new environment while striving to preserve one's identity and build a future. This personal journey has deepened my commitment to inclusivity, community support, and advocating for those whose voices are marginalized. Unfortunately, far too often, my community has been excluded from conversations and policies that directly impact us. The establishment of this commission presents an invaluable opportunity to ensure that immigrant and refugee voices are not only heard but integrated into decisions that will shape our collective future.</p> <p>By serving on the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, I plan</p>
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to bring my lived experiences, cultural awareness, and unwavering commitment to social justice to effect real change. Together, we can create a Columbus that is truly welcoming, fair, and supportive for all individuals, regardless of their background or status.

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**What do you hope the commission will accomplish in the short term and long term? (maximum 250 words)**

In the short term, I hope the commission can help to address the executive orders and policy changes coming from the Trump administration. It is important for our immigrant and refugee communities to know that Columbus is and always will be a safe space. A first step is to focus on addressing immediate needs, such as access to legal resources, language services, and social support networks.

In the long term, I hope the commission will work toward creating systemic changes that promote greater inclusivity and equal opportunities for immigrants and refugees. This could involve advocating for policies that ensure better integration, access to education and employment, and fair treatment within the legal system. By fostering stronger community connections and empowering immigrant voices, we can work to create a future where immigrants and refugees not only survive but thrive, contributing fully to the economic, social, and cultural fabric of Columbus.

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**Please describe and share relevant activities and accomplishments that relate to the community that you represent (maximum 250 words)**

At work, I am part of our PAVE (Pan-Asian Voices from Excellence) Employee Resource Group. The goal of the PAVE ERG is to create a sense of belonging for employees, providing them with a forum for cultural expression and enabling them to grow in rewarding careers. An event that we hosted, which I am very proud of, was a "Cultural Day". Employees from all different backgrounds and cultures came together to share their native food, stories and dances. It was so special to see co-workers learning about one another's culture!

As a member of my temple community, I have played an active role in organizing and coordinating volunteer events. These events bring together individuals from within the Indian community to support local causes, such as food banks, shelters, and community outreach programs. This has allowed me to foster a spirit of giving and inclusivity within our temple community while also strengthening connections with other local organizations and community members.

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**List any experience that would assist you in serving on this commission (maximum 250 words)**

I have successfully led numerous projects from inception to completion. Through these experiences, I've learned that collaboration and actively listening to diverse perspectives are essential to achieving the best outcomes. By fostering an environment of open communication and inclusivity, I've been able to bring together teams with varied skills and viewpoints, resulting in innovative solutions and stronger results. I believe these skills—team leadership, adaptability, and valuing diverse input—will make me a strong, effective member of the Commission, allowing me to contribute meaningfully to discussions and decision-making processes that impact immigrant and refugee communities.

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**Are you related to any elected City official or city staff member? If yes, please explain.**

No.

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**Do you or any of your family members work for or serve on the board of directors of any organization which has contracted with or applied for funding from the City of Columbus? Do you anticipate any involvement of this kind in the future? If yes, please describe the relationship.**

No.

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**Please indicate any activities you are involved with that may present a conflict of interest with the commission applying for.**

N/A.

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## References

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Reference #2	Dr. JS Jindal
Relation #2	Grandfather
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By filling out the reference section, I hereby authorize the City of Columbus to conduct a reference check by contacting the individuals listed above. As a reminder, this document is subject to public records requests.

Yes

## Resume & Letters of Reference

Optional: Please attach your resume and any letters of reference here. If you plan on mailing this form please remember to attach a copy of your resume and any letters of reference.