

<b>FIELD</b> <b>Step #4 Legistar</b>  <b>Near East Area</b> <b>Commission</b>	<b>CURRENT INFORMATION</b> <b>Step #9 Legistar</b> Appointment of Larry Moore	<b>NEW INFORMATION</b>  (1) Please print new information clearly, OR (2) Place a “check” in these boxes if member is re-elected and information is unchanged (3) Do not forget to update “Term Expiration” for re-elected members
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# RESUME

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## Charity Martin-Via, Proprietor

### Highlighted Strengths

Over 17 years in program design, community development, and young adult education.

**Excellent inter-personal skills with particular strength in public speaking, print media, public relations, and group presentations**

**Strong writing ability, with developed experience in grant writing, budgeting, urban policy, research, reports, and programs**

### Work experience

#### 2008-PRESENT Urban-Spirit Enterprises

##### President & Proprietor

Urban-Spirit Coffee Shop, Ltd. & Urban-Spirit (501 C3). Business initiation (including construction, licensing, business compliance, sub-contractors, etc. Manage all aspects of business development, relations, trademarks, and promotions. Monitor expenditures. Facilitate community educational initiatives. Develop and design website and digital media. Coordinate community & organizational events. Organizational management strategies & Best Practices Guide.

*"Charity is driven, self-motivated, and a pleasure to have as a colleague in education and student development."*

LaShaun Carter,  
Curriculum Advisor,  
Columbus City Schools

#### 2007-2007 Mayor's Office of Education; City of Columbus

##### Coordinator Columbus Youth Commission

Develop student training and policy and procedure manual. Coordinate events and activities which include town hall meetings, conferences, and an annual youth summit. Attend City Council and Youth Commission meetings. Assist students with policy research, civic engagement, and youth advocacy. Develop and strengthen community based partnerships & student trainings. Coordinate media and recruitment efforts. Partner with area commissions and civic associations.

*"She is rare; someone who is really capable, a great manager, creative, and really cares about youth. That's hard to find."*

Derrick Fulton, Director  
Communities In Schools

#### 2005-2007 Ohio Dominican University, Village to Child Program

##### Director

Developed and executed funding strategies which included grant writing, private donations, fundraisers, and special projects. Provided staff and student development training. Wrote curriculum and program model. Created outcome management strategies consistent with funding sources and development initiatives. Maintained effective communication & collaboration with community based organizations, parents, service providers, board members, University faculty and staff, and fiscal personnel. Financial Officer for accounts. Managed staff hiring and payroll. Provided direct and indirect service including program field trips, student activities, on-campus initiatives, recruitment, reporting, and transportation. Designed an after-school and summer program model. Developed marketing initiatives including logo, print, and media materials. Served as Advisor to the Black Student Union.

*"She is the best coach I have ever worked with. She believes in more than winning games, she really wants kids to win in life."* James

Miranda, Teacher &  
Coach, Eastmoor  
Academy High School

#### 2002-2005 The Ohio State University OMA Young Scholars Program Columbus Program Coordinator

Supported the mission of the Office of Minority Affairs by recruiting and retaining minority applicants for OSU. Coordinated workshops and programs for students. Communicated with Columbus Public Schools principals, teachers, and guidance counselors. Wrote proposals. Developed print media for publishing, distribution, and recruitment. Chaired the Marketing and Public Relations Committee. Represented the Young Scholars Program at National Recruitment Conferences. Lead Coordinator for Special Events Component of Young Scholars Program Summer Conference. OSU Young Scholars organizer of National Job Shadow Day.

*"She's a great listener. She doesn't believe that she hasn't anything else to learn. She knows that the greatest of leaders have great*

mentors.” Ronald L. Parker, Program Manager  
Frank W. Hale Black Culture Center, The Ohio State University

“She helped me believe that the impossible is possible if I could imagine the possibility.” Cherise Daniel, OSU Women’s Basketball, Scholar Athlete

“...one of the most professional people I have ever worked with, a great communicator.” Dinessa Solomon, United Way of Central Ohio

2000-2007 Eastmoor Academy High School

**Head Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Assistant Varsity Coach**

Coordinated after school athletic indicatives for Eastmoor Academy Girls Basketball Program. Successfully lead Eastmoor Academy JV to '03 South Division Champions (18-3) and '02 South Division Runner Up (13-2). Developed team calendar. Organized fund raisers. Communicated with parents, counselors, and teachers.

2000-2002 Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio

**Site Director**

Wrote grants. Coordinated programs and workshops at four low-income housing sites. Maintained statistical data and pre- and post- tests regarding programs and program measures. Supervised staff and volunteers. Facilitated communication with property managers, foundations, and agencies. Coordinated programs consistent with the goals and objectives of funding sources. Provided direct and indirect services to families and youth.

1998-2000 Short North Health and Wellness, Inc.

**Community Liaison/Independent Consultant**

Facilitated Programming with area schools and agencies. Maintained evaluations, statistical data, and assessments of programs. Provided educational support to youth residing in the Short North. Participated in funding efforts including grant writing.

1995-1997 Wittenberg University, Springfield Ohio

**Community Liaison**

Assisted in the coordination of educational development programs at Hayward Elementary School

1990-1997 Urban Minority Alcoholism Outreach Program

**Prevention Staff and Policy Researcher**

Worked with community leaders, policy makers, schools, and agencies for the purpose of substance abuse awareness. Facilitated substance abuse presentations utilizing poetry, performing arts, and research. Participated in grass roots and national outreach efforts. Submitted research concerning drug and alcohol policies for research and publishing. Represented agency at conferences and events. Coordinated youth activities.

**Education/Certifications**

**The Ohio State University (Political Science, BA African Studies, BA)**

Ohio Dominican University (Liberal Studies, MA – IN PROGRESS)

Sports Medicine, First Aid & CPR Certificate

Ohio Reads Tutoring Certificate

Columbus Public Schools Pupil Activity Supervisor Certificate

**Professional Affiliations**

**Ohio Art League**

**Nommo Art Society**

**Essex School for the Gifted**

**Columbus Public Schools**

**National Progressive Leadership Caucus**

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Vice President**

**Technical Skills**

Microsoft Suite, Lotus, Front Page, Dream Weaver, iMovie, Final Cut Pro, Microsoft Publisher, Print Master, PrintShop

**Publications**

UMADAOP/ADAMH Board Drug Policy Report

**“The Scribe” People With A Vision Ministries Newsletter, Creative Director & Editor**

**OMA Young Scholars Program Central Office Quarterly Newsletter, Editor/Graphics**

**Gesture Magazine, Ohio Dominican University “Puncture” (poetry)**

**Ohio Dominican University, Village to Child Program Model & Curriculum**

## Recognitions

1st recipient of the Ohio State University's People's Choice Award in the 2004-2005 Annual Staff Exhibit, Project Alpha 2005, ODU Programming Excellence '06; co-chair OSU Dept of Ed. & OMA 2004, Eastmoor Academy H.S. Basketball Coaching Staff 2002-2007 (3x District Champs, 2x Regional Champs, State Runner Up'05), Sigma Gamma Rho Arts Gala '04-'07, Delta Sigma Theta Annual Arts Exhibit '04, Program of the Year 2006, Statewide recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Community Education 2007

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## Portfolio

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