

**AREA COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM**

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Area Commission Name		
Please check appropriate box	New appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/>	Are there changes to this information? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
First Name	Donna	
Last Name	Jones	
Title (i.e. officer / commissioner)	Commissioner	
Address	1640 Baxter Dr.	
City	Columbus	
State	Ohio	
Zip Code	43227	
Home Telephone	614-493-1577	
Work Telephone		
Email Address	baxter888@wowway.com	
District/Designation	Leawood Gardens	
Term Start Date	1/1/2020	
Term Expiration	12/31/2022	
Seat Succession		

Area Commission Chair Signature Quay H. Barnes

\*\*\*ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED\*\*\*

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Community Organizer and President of the Easthaven Civic/Block watch and Interim Treasurer for the Mideast Area Commission (MAC) Born in Mansfield, Ohio but raised in Columbus, Ohio, is an Alumna of Mifflin High School and Fort Hayes Career Center, degree in Word Processing and Data Entry. Retired from Nationwide Insurance since 2006, (21 years as an Underwriter Specialist), where I participated in the Neighborhood Community Care Days, which was organized by former Mayor Michael B. Coleman. Currently a contractor for the State of Ohio as a Program Administrator for the ODJFS, Office of Families and Children, since 2006.

I have passion and is a dedicated community leader/advocate for nonviolence. My tireless and compassionate ways are due to the loss of losing my oldest and only son to gun violence. Anthony "Fatboi" Sowers II, was murdered on August 16, 2009 in the Easthaven neighborhood. Through my grief and pain, my neighbors and I took steps to try and stop the needless violence and loss of life in Columbus, Ohio. Currently supporting "Think Make Live" as a Program Administrator, founder and CEO is Terry "Nunnie" Green, which is an organization empowering opportunity for youth and young adults (ages 6 to 24) through: civic engagement discussions and events, developing leadership skills, social justice advocacy, and embracing community diversity. We host an annual Think Make Live Youth Summit on Nonviolence every August.

I joined and organized several support groups and participated in efforts throughout the city striving to impact and lessen the violence I see in my city, turning the block watch into one of the most active and productive associations in the city. I work closely with the Columbus Peace Officers, my neighbors, businesses, churches, and others to face down crime. I have been described as a "crusader against crime" by the Columbus Public Safety Director's Office. One of my crusades was for the installation of Neighborhood Safety Cameras for the eastside of Columbus.

As the Director and organizer of the South Community Youth Association (SCYA)-Southside Seminoles Football and Cheerleaders little league and after school tutoring organization. We took over 100 children to Buffalo, New York to play against my brother's NY Buffalo Bills Football and Cheerleaders little league organization. I was a PTA mother for the Easthaven Elementary School and is on their Site Base Council Advisory Board. I also sit on the Advisory Board as the Program Administrator for the Unity House, founder and CEO is Lamont Sapp, which is a home that provides individuals recovering from alcohol and other drug addiction, with a safe sober living environment that is supported through: social and leisure recreational activities, as well as responsible life skills, and sober support which is in Easthaven.