

Steve Campbell
Director of Regional Growth Initiatives
City of Columbus

In January, 2011, Steve Campbell, joined the City of Columbus, as Director of Regional Growth Initiatives. His responsibilities include working with local governments to identify ways for communities to collaborate and share services. Additionally, Mr. Campbell is working with area municipalities to find ways to grow the region's economy and bring more jobs and investment to Central Ohio.

Prior to this assignment, in 2007, Mr. Campbell was appointed by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to serve as the Chief of Staff of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). During his four years at ODOT, he worked with local governments and community organizations to improve cooperation and collaboration and also led efforts to better connect transportation investments with jobs and economic development. Mr. Campbell also worked with the Ohio General Assembly to secure new and innovative tools to finance the state's transportation system.

Before joining the State of Ohio, Mr. Campbell worked for the City of Columbus, serving as senior adviser on regional affairs, as well as Mayor Michael B. Coleman's deputy chief of staff and director of policy. In these positions, he focused on economic growth, neighborhood development, and public safety issues for the Mayor. In 1999, he directed then City Council President Coleman's campaign for Mayor.

Mr. Campbell received a bachelor of arts from the University of Dayton with a double major in international studies and economics and a minor in the Russian language. He also has completed graduate-level coursework in international affairs and policy analysis at the Ohio State University.

He is married to Kara Crombie-Campbell, and they have two children, Sam and Caroline.