

AREA COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

The Department of Neighborhoods maintains the database for the Area Commission members in the City of Columbus. The information on this form is used to process the Mayor’s appointment and ensure timely and accurate distribution of meeting notices, training opportunities, and other City activities. **Please complete all sections of the form with information about your recently elected/appointed commissioner within seven (7) days of the election/appointment. After completing and signing this form, please return it, along with the appointees resume and/or biography to your Neighborhood Liaison via email.** Please contact your Neighborhood Liaison with any questions or comments.

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Area Commission Name	Near East Area Commission (NEAC)	
Please check appropriate box	New appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there changes to this information? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/>	
First Name	Ross	
Last Name	Goldsmith	
Title (i.e. officer / commissioner)	Commissioner	
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State	Ohio	
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Email Address	ross.goldsmith74@gmail.com	
District/Designation	District 2 C	
Term Start Date	7/1/2020	
Term Expiration	6/30/2023	
Seat Succession	Jacqueline Downey	

Area Commission Chair Signature _____ Kathleen D. Bailey_____

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

Add Bio:

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Progressive Public Policy Professional

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – Columbus, Ohio

Policy Aide to Commissioner Marilyn Brown

July 2017 – Present

- Serve as policy advisor, progressive champion, coalition builder, communications assistant, and chief constituent advocate for a County Commissioner in Ohio's largest county - responsible for the welfare of 1.3 million residents.
- Working with the Policy Director to advance a policy agenda designed to lift families, create family sustaining jobs, provide high quality childcare, build affordable housing, invest in local businesses, and move Franklin County forward as a community committed to advancing racial equity and ending disparities in all areas.
- Cultivate relationships and build community support for policy implementation - develop strategy, execute plan, and build consensus around strong political framework for success.
- Manage the Commissioner's calendar and scheduling - and coordination of constituent response and advocacy with County agencies and other partners.

FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY – Columbus, Ohio

Policy Assistant to the Assistant Director

May 2014 – June 2017

- Assess and evaluate Agency public personnel, administrative, and organizational policies and procedures. Analyze the systemic bottlenecks in Agency processes and develop streamlined solutions to resolve them.
- Oversaw the design and programming of an in-house personnel management system; providing real time updates and reporting of personnel/hiring/discipline information to Agency management. Serve as Agency coordinator for all human resources, discipline, and collective bargaining issues.
- Manage the drafting, budgeting, and implementation of all Agency contracts, sub-grant agreements, and MOUs with other Franklin County entities, community partners, and the federal government.
- Provide exceptional customer service to clients who reach the "Director level" in the complaint hierarchy; resolve client concerns or advise other methods if possible. Identify procedural roadblocks to resolving client concerns and communicate to front line workers and supervisors in a straightforward, counseled way.
- Draft Agency reports, analysis, presentations, and the Director's public remarks detailing the demographic, cultural, and socioeconomic changes in Franklin County; analyze data to illustrate the success of Agency programs and advise the Director and Assistant Director on communicating that information to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Ohio Child Support Director's Association, Ohio General Assembly, Administration for Children and Families (HHS), etc. **2016 Employee of the Year**

BRUNNER QUINN – Columbus, Ohio

Legal Assistant to Lawyer, Lobbyist, Author, former Ohio Secretary of State and Supreme Court Justice - Elect Jennifer L. Brunner

September 2011 – June 2012

- Prepared motions, contracts, briefs, affidavits, and other legal documents for partners to review. Compiled time spent on client matter for billing and tracked hours spent on individual cases and matters.
- Drafted major public, political, and academic speeches and presentations to conventions, organizations, political rallies, and classrooms.
- Compiled information and drafted state and federal lobbyist reports for active political action committees, candidates, past candidates, lobbyists (in Ohio, California, and the FEC), and community organizations.
- Directed media and fundraising operations for Courage PAC, a state and federal political action committee, including posts on its blog, maintenance of subscriber lists, drafting fundraising emails and letters, planning and executing fundraisers, and other functions.
- Acknowledged by Secretary Brunner for researching and editing her book, "Cupcakes and Courage".
- Provided advance/staff support to Secretary Brunner including scheduling frequent international travel, talking points, meeting with potential clients, media requests, and other routine administrative functions.

FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOBS AND FAMILY SERVICE – Columbus, Ohio

Public Inquiries Assistant

July 2011 – September 2011

July 2013 – May 2014

- Assisted clients with their inquiries regarding OWF, SNAP, Title XX and Medicaid by accessing the information through Agency database programs such as CRIS-E, CCIDS, Content Manager, Compass Appointments, SharePoint, and Outlook.
- Served as necessary conduit between the case managers and the public in explaining general assistance program information, case status updates, legislative/policy changes, and other routine inquiries.
- Reviewed case information and redirected concerns to appropriate Agency staff, supervisors, and administrators for timely resolution.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS– Columbus, OH

Intern to Commissioner Paula Brooks

November 2009 – July 2011

- Shaped policy discussions with the Commissioners and other public officials with analytical/statistical research, public outreach, community meetings, and administrative evaluation of institutional structures and personnel.
- Drafted press releases, talking points, speeches; and circulated to local media outlets. Scan websites and distribute political/public clips every morning to office.
- Provided training and transition support for three administrative assistants; served in interim capacity in between.
- Created, maintained, and analytically evaluated constituent casework system. Served as office constituent liaison—providing information and follow-up to constituents with Franklin County Job & Family Services, Children Services, and Child Support Enforcement Agency cases.
- Provide advance/staff support to Commissioner Brooks, scheduling, speaking with constituents, and other routine administrative functions.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR SHERROD BROWN – Columbus, OH

Community Outreach Intern

May 2008 – May 2009

- Organized community roundtables with the Senator in several Ohio counties. Contacted participants, created the agenda, and helped facilitate discussions on economic mobility, rural healthcare systems, and increased financial aid for families going to college.
- Created presentations on U.S. government for international economic delegation from Azerbaijan. Provided detailed information on concepts and structures of our system of government.
- Resolved constituent concerns via phone calls, letters, and emails.

Education

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY– Columbus, OH

Bachelor of Arts, May 2010

Public Administration & Political Science

Capital University Collegiate Fellow

Leadership/Community Service

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS– Columbus / Upper Arlington / Dublin, Ohio

Precinct Election Official - Voting Location Manager

November 2012 – November 2020

- Oversee the administration and process for various voting locations in Franklin County.
- Manage voting location staff and serve as arbiter of election questions and procedure.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY SERVICES T.O.U.C.H. PROGRAM– Whitehall, Ohio

Community and Government Affairs Volunteer

November 2012 – November 2013

- Assessed current advocacy efforts of non-profit serving the current and formerly incarcerated re-entering society and developed advocacy/lobbying/public outreach plan.
- Facilitated meetings with local, state, and federal government leaders on jail and prison conditions, T.O.U.C.H. programming needs, budget opportunities, and community corrections policies.
- Launched and oversaw social media efforts for multiple fundraisers, community events, and public policy advocacy.

Capital University Student Government President, April 2009 – April 2010-Columbus, OH

- Steered successful campus wide efforts to implement student organizational housing, an on-campus bar, and more funding for campus activities and events.
- Largest single funder to the traditional African graduation ceremony, Sande Poro, as well as PRIDE the LGBTQ student organization at Capital University.

Capital University Co-Director, January 2009 – January 2010 – Columbus, OH

New Student Orientation

- Created, implemented, and evaluated Orientation program for 650 incoming students in the Class of 2013.
- Coordinated with all University departments to develop program policies and procedures for academic, social, and athletic events, University move-in day.
- Supervised staff of over 50 Orientation Leaders.