

**Michael D. Reese**  
**Chief of Staff**  
**Mayor Michael B. Coleman's Office**

Michael D. Reese has worked within City Hall for nearly fifteen years and initially began as legislative aide to the then-City Council President Michael B. Coleman. Prior to his current appointment on January 2, 2007, as the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Reese served as Deputy Chief of Staff/Director of Policy in the Mayor's Office. Prior to his start in City Council, he worked for the Ohio Senate as a Legislative Aide for State Senator Linda J. Furney.

The Chief of Staff's job includes management of the Mayor's fourteen Cabinet Directors; guiding key policy decisions; managing the operating and capital budgets, (estimated at 1.75 billion dollars); helping to create jobs, protecting the environment and delivering services to neighborhoods and serving as a liaison to the business community and implementing the Mayor's agenda.

Reese is a 1990 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Government. He earned his Master of Arts Degree from Bowling Green State University in 1993 in Political Science and is a 1999 Leadership Columbus graduate through the Columbus Chamber.

Mike has three children: Sam, Andrew and Molly. He has participated in three marathons and serves on the boards of the Columbus Marathon, Experience Columbus (Convention and Visitor's Bureau) and the Bicentennial Commission.