

Norman Deena

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Profile

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? 36+ years

What interests you about getting involved with your Area Commission?

Norman's leadership is guided by a belief that every resident deserves a safe, stable, and thriving community. He is passionate about connecting residents to resources, fostering transparency between local government and neighborhoods, and promoting balanced development that benefits both long-term residents and new families moving into the area.

Through his service on the Far East Area Commission, Norman aims to strengthen community representation, advocate for smart development, and support initiatives that enhance quality of life across the Far East Side.

Experience

{**Job Title/Role**, a Community Development professional at Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation.

Education

{**Degree awarded, School Name** – Undergraduate Degree at Hobart Collete, in International Studies and Computer Science, Graduate Degree at OSU

Memberships and Affiliations

List any boards, committees, or other community or business associations with which they are associated.

As a community development professional, Norman brings his experience working with such municipalities as the City of Worthington, Ohio and the City of Corvallis, Oregon. He has worked extensively with organizations like the Central Ohio Community Land Trust (COCLT) and the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) to expand access to affordable homeownership, preserve housing affordability, and prevent displacement. His efforts have centered on building partnerships that empower residents, improve neighborhood conditions, and ensure responsible growth that reflects the voices of the community. His work in affordable housing has ranged from the formulation of housing policy to housing homeless individuals and families carrying out his motto "Housing is a Human Right".

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.