

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.

Please Type

Area Commission Name	Near East Area Commission	
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 type="checkbox"/>
First Name	Benjamin	
Last Name	Colburn	
Title (i.e. officer / commissioner)	Commissioner	
Address	292 South Ohio Ave.	
City	Columbus	
State	OH	
Zip Code	43205	
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Work Telephone		
Email Address	kranguscolburn@gmail.com	
District/Designation	District 3 A	
Term Start Date	7/14/2022	
Term Expiration	12/31/2024	
Seat Succession	Vacancy (Dolan)	

Area Commission Chair Signature _____

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

DISCLAIMER: all information and materials that you submit in support of your appointment as an area commissioner are subject to Ohio Public Records Law



BENJAMIN COLBURN

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZER

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Longtime Near East Side resident committed to building robust social infrastructure for his community.

AFFILIATIONS

Organizations which I continue to be involved in:

- Four Seasons City Farm
- Clinic Escort for Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio & Founders Clinic
- FIRST Collective

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Guitarist, songwriter, musician, urban gardener, fitness enthusiast, film criticism, philosophy, politics

CONTACT DETAILS

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Driver

Uber & UberEats | October 2015 - Present

Assistant Garden Manager

Four Seasons City Farm | July 2021 - November 2021

Delivery Driver

Green Bean Delivery | October 2013 - December 2015

Ambulette Driver

Life Ambulance | July 2012 - December 2013

Senior Taxi & Ambulette Driver

Amity Transportation | May 2010 - September 2012

VOLUNTEERISM

Community Organizer

FIRST Collective | February 2022 - Present

- Serves community of unhoused encampment residents through peer counseling and supportive infrastructure design
- Facilitates strategic partnerships with other nonprofit and volunteer organizations to meet individual care needs and goals
- Mediates disputes and models deescalation tactics and community-based conflict intervention

Farm Volunteer

Four Seasons City Farm | June 2019 - Present

- Assistant garden manager/volunteer overseeing and directly working on production, new volunteer and community outreach, and local distribution
- Teaches local community about gardening and eating healthy produce in partnership with organizations like the YMCA
- Provides necessary nutrition in an urban food desert environment by way of donations and CSA programs

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

The Ohio State University

Columbus, Ohio | BA Psychology, 2015 - 2017

- Political Science Minor
- Graduated Cum Laude
- Completed 200 research assistant hours

Ohio University Southern Campus

Ironton, Ohio | Psychology Undergrad, 1997 - 2000

- Received a full scholarship
- Student worker in Dean's Office and Library