

University Area Commission - Candidate's Biographical Sketch

This information will be made available on the UAC website (<https://www.universityarea.org/>) and at the polling places on Election Day.

Candidate Name: (Please Print)

Address:

Tom Wildman

179 E. May road Ave

Columbus, OH 43202

District: 2

Length of time living in the University Area: 37 yrs

Occupation: Retired OHIO Historical Society

Commissioner Statement – Please state in under 200 words, what particular experience and qualifications you can offer the University Area Commission. Include information about your issues, concerns, goals for neighborhood, personal information, etc. *This section will be limited to 200 words.*

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UAC Committees/Positions –If a current or past commissioner, please list the committees that you serve on and any positions you hold or have held in the past with UAC.

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Community Involvement/Education/Occupation – Provide a list of community activities, positions in other groups, educational background, etc.

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Candidate Signature: *Thomas A. Wildman*

CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Wildman
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614-267-1767

UAC Commissioner:	District 2	Years in U-District:	Since 1984
Years as U-District Resident:	37	Years involved in U-District:	27
Occupation:	Retired from the Ohio Historical Society		

COMMISSIONER STATEMENT

Thomas supports student involvement in community issues. He advocates for neighborhood social, cultural, environment & historic preservation. He Founded & Directs the Old North Columbus Preservation Society, Co-founded Old North Columbus Community Collaborative, Old North Columbus Block Watch, ONC/Sohud Garden Assoc, ONC Neighbors Connect & a University Area Commission since 1995. From these platforms, he has introduced **Old North Columbus** to the **City of Columbus & City of Columbus to Old North Columbus**, receiving funding for neighborhood projects as community-wide street sweeping, refuse/bulk pick-up, graffiti removal, new Tuttle Park entrance & bike ramps at Hudson & Dodridge Sts, commercial node & neighborhood improvements (Maynard/Summit, Indianola Middle School, Portal/Arcadia, Tuttle, Glen Echo Parks), school crosswalks & traffic calming. **Thomas** authored grants for new pocket parks, bike trails, wall murals, street amenities (Old North Columbus Arches, benches, recycle receptacles, banners, plant containers, historic signs), curb replacement & street paving. He wrote proposals & received funding to: update ALL AEP/City Electric Lines/Transmission Stations; replace ALL Columbia Gas Lines & Water/Sewer Lines; initial/replacement of ALL Handicap Ramps; build a **Skateboard Park** at Tuttle Recreation. Received 3 of the City's highest Achievement Awards: Mayor, City Council, Columbus Police. Currently working on Glen Echo Ravine Environmental Improvements.

UAC Committees/Positions

First Vice President, Second Vice President and Chair of the following Committees: Code Enforcement and Environment, Historic Preservation, Safety and Health, Ad-hoc: Education, Green Space, Liquor License, Light Rail, Quality of Life. Sat on every University Area Commission Committee; Code Enforcement and Environment, Community Relations, Elections, Government, Historic Preservation, Planning, Safety and Health, Zoning. Currently sit on Planning, Community Relations.

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Community Involvements In The Past

Thomas Wildman is completing his eighth term on the University Area Commission, having served since 1995.; Consistently sat on the Code Enforcement, Environment, Safety, Zoning & Planning Committees. Sponsored Safety Forums; Art/Music, Folk Dance, & Preservation Festivals. Is a ComFest member & ComFest Safety Supervisor.

In addition, he has sat on COTA's Light Rail Advisory Board, Keep Columbus Beautiful projects, Legislative Committee for the University Area Code Enforcement Task Force, the Mayor's Neighborhood Leaders Group, the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference, Columbus Police Department Neighborhood Safety Group, University Area Safety Committee, the Advisory Board for the Old North Columbus Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund, The Advocacy Program for the Homeless, Old North Columbus Traffic Plan, the Columbus Community Coalition, City of Columbus Area Commission Training Program, Safety Director of the Glen Echo South Civic Association & Old North Columbus Community Collaborative, City Year & Indianola Middle School Park Construction Project, Medary Elementary-Indianola Middle School-Family Center-Holy Name Church-North United Methodist Church-Calumet Presbyterian Church- Medary Elementary Butterfly Garden Advisory Boards; Meetings: Columbus School Board, UCBA & Campus Partners, Glen Echo Neighborhood, UARB, Mayor, and Columbus City Council.

Education/Occupation

College of Wooster, B.A. [Archaeology, Art History, German]
Ohio State University, Continuing Education [Education, Art History, Computer Sciences, Russian]
University of Munich, Germany [Archaeology, Art History, Geology, Italian, Greek]
Wayne State University [Study Abroad]

Ohio Historical Society
Restoration & Preservation Contractor

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