



Statement of Intent

After twenty years as a resident of the North Linden area, I feel it is time to be included as a voice to be heard of our diverse community. I have lived on Myrtle Avenue since 1995 in a craftsman bungalow that I have been slowly bringing back from the brink of demolition. In 2000, I acquired the property adjacent to 1617, for which I have solely used to practice my landscaping skills, to be certified this year as an Urban wildlife refuge.

I have seen the North Linden area diminish from a somewhat thriving working class neighborhood, to a broken and disbanded contiguity bordered by other areas that have not suffered as much as North Linden has in the past two decades.

Although I was born in Kentucky, I feel my roots are deep in Ohio as my family moved to the suburbs of Columbus in 1964. Growing up on the east side (Gahanna) I have seen just how much the Columbus area has changed for both good and bad. I went to college late in life and completed my Bachelor and Master's degree at The Ohio State University In the Art and Technology Program, in Applied Robotics in Art practices with a full tuition scholarship for both degrees, finishing my studies in 2004. I followed graduation with some time as an adjunct professor at OSU and Columbus State.

I am a freelance photographer by trade and have several notable clients, of which the *Who's Who* Publishing Company based in Columbus is one, as well as several events that occur in the Short North. It would be a dream of mine to open a studio in North Linden and bring some prosperity back to our area.

For the last several years, I have been in dialogue with our city attorney, Richard Pfeiffer, concerning matters of crime, safety and the state of many of the abandoned homes and businesses in North Linden. I understand the process the city must traverse in getting abandoned homes either demolished or repurposed. I understand that the commission serves as a voice between the people and city hall.

In the summer of 2014, I along with a core group of individuals, started the North Linden Community Watch, whose concerns addressed the area bounded by Hudson and Weber on the

South and North and Cleveland and I71 on the East and West. We did not feel that we as a group had any kind of representation to address our need for public safety and a unified voice in other matters at hand. As a group, we have managed to open a dialogue with several individuals who are not only concerned with, but want to help us gain a voice with the issues at hand that plague North Linden. In just a short time, we have had our first Fall Festival which allowed the neighbors from all walks of life come together and express our concerns of the neighborhood and become one voice. I serve as block watch captain for Myrtle Avenue.

As a Commissioner, I would like to be one of the voices heard, that could bring back a certain amount of prosperity and pride to the area. My platform I am most concerned with after public safety and abandoned homes/businesses is one of public health and well being. I would like the neighborhood gardens to work with one another and focus on good nutrition and health by offering a farmers market in North Linden specifically. Much as downtown has the North Market, I see no reason why we could not have something similar. We would start off with markets once or twice a month and see how they evolve. If North Linden can offer something competitive to the Fourth Street Gardens, the summer markets in Clintonville and the West side, we will bring in visitors to the area and show them the options we could potentially offer them.

As an artist that is in touch with not only the baby boomers, but also the millennials, I would like to see North Linden evolve as another viable option where creative individuals can work, play, live and create.

One final note. I am the Social Media Director and Fall Fest Chairman for the North Linden Community Watch. I would love to offer my services to keep the NLAC websites up to date. In the age of technology, I find it extremely important to have a go to resource for individuals to follow.

Thank You for taking the time to consider me for an additional seat on the North Linden Commission.

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Profile	<p>I am twenty year resident of North Linden. During this time I completed my Bachelors degree in Humanities and my Masters degree in Applied Technology in the Arts</p>
Area's of Strength And Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Highly Motivated> Think outside the box> Research and development> Meeting client deadlines> Working with out supervision> Public speaking
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> M.F.A 2004 Art and Technology, The Ohio State University> B.F.A. 2002 Art and Technology, The Ohio State University> 1996 Sculpture Studies, Columbus College of Art and Design
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Freelance Photographer and Archivist – Who's Who Publishing- 2013 to present> Axis Night Club – Lead Photographer/ archivist 2013> Lowes – Customer service – April 2012 to present> Photography exhibit “ Digital Divas”> voted one of the top ten Arts events in Columbus 2010> Columbus State Community College, Adjunct, March 2008 – October 2008<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Business of Photographyo Aesthetics and Design> Wexner Center for the Arts, Summer 2003 –4, 2007 Summer Youth Series<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Flash animation/gaming classo Kinetic Sculpture Class> The Ohio State University<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Adjunct, Art and Technology, 2005 –March 2008o Real and Recorded Time and Digital Media Manipulation> The Ohio State University<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Instructor of Record, Digital Media, 2003-4> Visualaids Materials Grant, NYC, - 2006 to present Professional Experience> Full Tuition Waiver, pursuant to Master Research Study Art and Technology, 2002 -2004> Graduate Research Grant, 2003> Elizabeth Fergus Gilmore Travel Grant, 2003Hoyt L. Sherman Scholarship, 2002

References

- > Johnathan Thacker, 614.804.4381 – State Promoter for Miss Gay Ohio Us of A pageantry
- > John Fogle, 614.256.3016 – Assistant Manager, Walmart
- > Valita Fields, 614.783.4166 – Owner Cool Columbus Weddings

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Instructions for the Nominee: Individuals wishing to be nominated to serve as a North Linden Commissioner must obtain the signature of 25 residents of North Linden for the nomination to be effective. The completed signature pages must be submitted, along with a current resume, to the Chair of the North Linden Area Commission prior to the call-to order of the regular meeting where nominations will be accepted.

The current Chair, Jennifer Adair, may be contacted at 614-286-6577 with questions. You may also send the completed nomination to the Chair prior to the call-to order meeting by email at JenniferAdair@yahoo.com or by mail to 1385 Norris Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43224. The nomination and election meeting will take place on June 19, 2014, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Instructions for Residents: By signing, you are confirming that you are a resident of North Linden and that you believe the individual has the personal character and qualities to be a good representative for North Linden as a Commissioner. Please write legibly.

Resident 1

Printed Name	Yalita Fields	Street Address	1580 Genessee Ave
Signature	Yalita Fields	Zip Code	43211

Resident 2

Printed Name	Gina M. Thomas	Street Address	1889 Minnesota
Signature	Gina M. Thomas	Zip Code	43211

Resident 3

Printed Name	Tip NAWAMURA	Street Address	1647 MCLFORD
Signature	Tip NAWAMURA	Zip Code	43224

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Printed Name	BETH KLUKOSKE	Street Address	1363 Aberdeen
Signature	Beth Klukoske	Zip Code	43211

Resident 5

Printed Name	Mike Shocket	Street Address	3268 Reis Ave.
Signature	Michael Shocket	Zip Code	43224

Resident 6

Printed Name	August DeSantis	Street Address	1599 Manchester Ave
Signature	August DeSantis	Zip Code	43211

Resident 7

Printed Name	Georgia Gardner	Street Address	1269 Manchester Ave.
Signature	Georgia Gardner	Zip Code	43211

Resident 8

Printed Name	Terri Marchese	Street Address	1600 Minnesota Ave
Signature	Terri Marchese	Zip Code	43211

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Resident 9

Printed Name	L Leigh Anne Ward	Street Address	1599 Manchester Ave
Signature	L Leigh Anne Ward	Zip Code	43211

Resident 10

Printed Name	John Weaver	Street Address	1281 Aberdeen Ave
Signature	John Weaver	Zip Code	43211

Resident 11

Printed Name	Anna M. Weaver	Street Address	1281 Aberdeen Ave
Signature	Anna M. Weaver	Zip Code	43211

Resident 12

Printed Name	Nancy D. [unclear]	Street Address	1580 Brynwood Ave
Signature	Nancy D. [unclear]	Zip Code	43211

Resident 13

Printed Name	PAULIA J CONNELL	Street Address	1570 Briarwood Ave
Signature	Paulia J Connell	Zip Code	Col. Ohio 43211

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Resident 14

Printed Name	BETTY BOND	Street Address	1561 Briarwood Ave
Signature	Betty Bond	Zip Code	43211

Resident 15

Printed Name	Dora Boyer	Street Address	1537 Briarwood Ave
Signature	Dora Boyer	Zip Code	43211

Resident 16

Printed Name	ELIZABETH BOYER	Street Address	1537 BRIARWOOD AVE
Signature	Elizabeth Boyer	Zip Code	43211

Resident 17

Printed Name	Sallyann Hatfield	Street Address	1503 Briarwood Ave
Signature	Sallyann Hatfield	Zip Code	43211

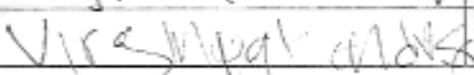
Resident 18

Printed Name	JEROME DAVIS	Street Address	14820 Briarwood
Signature	Jerome Davis	Zip Code	43211

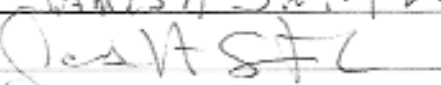
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Resident 19

Printed Name	Virginia Kardik	Street Address	
Signature		Zip Code	1411 Myrtle 43211

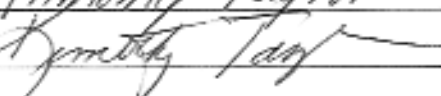
Resident 20

Printed Name	James A. Smith	Street Address	
Signature		Zip Code	1507 Myrtle Ave 43211


Resident 21

Printed Name	Richard A. Berry	Street Address	1530 Myrtle Ave 43211
Signature		Zip Code	43211

Resident 22

Printed Name	Kimothy Taylor	Street Address	1549 Myrtle Ave
Signature		Zip Code	43211

Resident 23

Printed Name	Jamar Berry	Street Address	1530 Myrtle Ave
Signature		Zip Code	43211

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Resident 24

Printed Name	FRANCES Woods	Street Address	1555 Myrtle Rd
Signature	<i>Frances Woods</i>	Zip Code	43211

Resident 25

Printed Name	ANDREW FIEGL	Street Address	1644 Myrtle Ave
Signature	<i>Andrew Fiegl</i>	Zip Code	4321

Certification by Individual Seeking Nomination

I, _____, submit the above 25 names in accordance with the by-laws of the North Linden Area Commission and its nomination process. By signing, I certify that to the best of my knowledge the above signatures represent individuals who reside within the North Linden Area Commission boundary.

Signature

Date

[Signature]
3.18.2015