

Jeremy Eugene Blake

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QUALIFICATIONS

- An effective community leader achieving strategic objectives with 25+ years of legislative experience
- Proven ability to properly develop and enhance effective relationships with key decision makers within state, county and city government and affiliated agencies
- A skilled communicator with a high level of competency with technology and project management
- The ability to represent, develop, and steward relationships within a diverse professional network across Ohio

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Board President, Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio (BHP) 2021 - 2022

- Served two terms on the BHP Board
- Engage state legislators on education of behavioral health needs and advocated for state funding
- Lead the expansion of needed services with opening of mental health urgent care centers
- Raised necessary dollars from community partners to fund Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator

Board Member, The Main Place 2021 - 2022

- Advocated and championed for peer-to-peer mental health services
- Convened community leaders to educate on issues of mental health and homelessness
- Supported community education on harm reduction services

Board Member, Victory Campaign Board 2022 - 2023

- Supported LGBTQ+ candidates for elected office across the country
- Advocate for the importance of LGBTQ+ representation in elected positions

Board Vice-Chair, Equality Ohio 2020 - 2023

- Provided Board leadership in advocacy, public policy and stakeholder engagement
- Network with state legislators advocating for passage of Ohio Fairness Act
- Forge long term strategic relationship with legislators of both parties
- Served on the Legislative Committee, Governance Committee and Executive Committee

Elected (2013) and Re-Elected (2017) Newark, Ohio City Councilmember

- Elected by peers to serve as Minority Leader 2020-2021
- Organized town hall meetings, workshops and forums on topics from public safety to housing
- Advocated at the Statehouse for local government funding in alignment with Municipal League
- Partnered with stakeholders on issue campaigns such as ban-the-box policy and nondiscrimination ordinance to provide model success at the local level to advocate for at the Statehouse
- Collaborated with business partners on mutually beneficial use economic tools such as TIFs, tax abatements, CRAs, bed tax funding and brownfield redevelopment program

Appointed (2000) and Elected (2001) Newark, Ohio City Schools

- Elected by peers to serve as Board President 2004-2005
- Organized issue advocacy campaigns to support public education such as property tax renewal campaigns, an income tax campaign and a bond issue for building renovations and new schools
- Provided leadership and hiring oversight during the transition to a new superintendent
- Advocated as a part of a coalition for fair and equitable funding of public education (DeRolph)

State Representative Candidate, Ohio House of Representatives 2018

- Campaign Management: fundraising, stakeholder engagement, volunteer coordination, campaign compliance, social media upkeep and direct marketing to voters via mail and digital advertising
- Candidate training from LEAD Ohio and LGBTQ Victory Fund Institute

Mayoral Candidate, City of Newark 2019

- Campaign Management: fundraising, stakeholder engagement, volunteer coordination, campaign compliance, social media upkeep and direct marketing to voters via mail and digital advertising

Founder and President, South Newark Civic Association 2011 - 2018

- Transitioned a dedicated group of volunteers from a block watch to a 501(c)3 organization
- Advocated with state legislators and members of Congress for stormwater projects funding
- Provided leadership with a strategic mission focused on neighborhood relationship development
- Raised dollars and partnered with community organizations to provide programming on oral history projects, neighborhood beautification, neighborhood safety and organized advocacy at City Hall

Sr. Advisor & Director of Public Affairs, Franklin County Coroner Dr. Nate Overmire 2023 - present

- Serve as Public Information Officer for the Coroner's Office
- Manage external relationships of the office with community stakeholders
- Provide leadership with community outreach, government relations and strategic communications
- Manage communication tools for the Coroner's Office

Government Relations Director, Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) 2022 - 2023

- Provide leadership to advocate for the interests of the 5,200 members in the organization
- Develop relationships with state legislators to benefit the OAFP mission and objectives
- Facilitate and convene meaningful engagements between OAFP members and state legislators
- Consider priorities through a health equity lens in an effort to provide all Ohioans the opportunity to reach their full health potential

Desktop Support Specialist, Denison University 2006 - 2022

- Provide quality customer service to the technology needs of faculty/staff and students
- Use critical thinking skills to troubleshoot computer concerns

Caucus Aide, Ohio Senate 1996 - 2006

- Provide technology support to the Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus both Senators and staff
- Staff liaison and policy analyst for the Ohio Apportionment Board

EDUCATION

Denison University, Granville, Ohio

May 2012

Bachelor of Arts: Economics

CURRENT ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Lifetime Member, NAACP	Trustee, Kiwanis Club of Columbus
Pride Caucus Chair, Ohio Democratic Party	Member, Ohio Lobbying Association
Member, Columbus Metropolitan Club	Season Ticket Holder, Columbus Blue Jackets!