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Jean Carter Ryan President Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority

Jean Carter Ryan is the President of the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority. The Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority is a public agency designed to facilitate capital investments by the private, non-profit and public sectors in Central Ohio. Jean is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the operations of the Finance Authority, which is a port authority under Ohio law. In the past six years, the Finance Authority has issued over \$377 million in bond financing closing on 27 projects that will invest more than \$500 million and create 1,940 jobs in Central Ohio.

Jean was previously the Deputy Director of the Economic Development Division within the Ohio Department of Development. Jean oversaw the Offices of Business Development, Tax Incentives, Workforce Development, Financial Incentives, Loan and Grant Servicing, and Small Business. The Economic Development Division had a budget of \$275 million and managed a loan/bond portfolio of over \$400 million.

Jean has a B.A. in American Studies from Smith College, Northampton, MA and a Masters in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University. Jean serves on the following boards: the Mid-Ohio Development Exchange, Women in Public Finance – Ohio Chapter (founding member), Knowlton School of Architecture Alumni Association, and the Human Services Levy Review Commission of Franklin County.

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