

Councilmember Mills Biography and Legislation

Appointed in January 2011, Michelle M. Mills is a member of Columbus City Council. As Chair of the Public Safety and Judiciary Committees, Mills has championed protecting Columbus' safety officers by making sure that they have up-to-date protective gear, equipment, and vehicles. She has taken a firm stand against guns in bars and is actively working to ensure that the Columbus Division of Police has the necessary tools at its disposal to reduce crime, keeping our streets and homes safe.

In addition to her work on Columbus City Council, Councilmember Mills is President/CEO of one of the most diverse and impactful social service agencies in Columbus, nationally accredited St. Stephen's Community House. In that position, she guides an organization with a multi-million dollar budget and uses her professional experience as a launching point to help improve the lives of Columbus residents, by promoting healthy families and safe neighborhoods.

Mills has earned numerous awards and recognitions for her outstanding career in the human services sector. In 2010 she earned coveted awards, such as the Columbus Education Association's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award; Smart Business 2010 Smart Leader Award; and The Medical Mutual 2010 Pillar Award for Community Service--Executive Director of Year. In the early part of her career she was viewed as one to watch by the Columbus Post and also as a Business First of Central Ohio "40 Under 40" award recipient. She holds an array of experiences and leadership on the local, state, national and international level.

Mills is a Licensed Social Worker in the State of Ohio with more than 20 years in social services and social work. Mills earned her Master's degree at Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School of Applied Social Science and has served as an adjunct professor for the Mandel School. Mills is a graduate of Cleveland State University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. In 2010 she began a program with Harvard University Business School in partnership with NGE Partnership.

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