

## **Stephen Sayre** Deputy Chief of Staff

Stephen Sayre has served in Mayor Ginther's office since 2016. Sayre currently serves as Deputy Chief of Staff. In this role, Stephen oversees the policy team in the Mayor's office and works to advocate on behalf of the City before Federal and State Government.

Sayre has worked across City departments on a variety of issues including the allocation of Federal CARES and ARPA funding. In addition, he has worked to advance several grant applications that have resulted in tens of millions of dollars in Federal funding for City priorities.

Recently, Sayre was tapped to serve as Mayor Ginther's appointee to the steering committee being created to work with the White House and Federal agencies on the recently announced Workforce Hub project. Sayre coordinated City outreach efforts for the 2019 bond package, which included the City's first bond issue to support Affordable Housing. He also coordinated the City's 2020 outreach efforts for the charter amendment that resulted in the creation of the Columbus Civilian Police Review Board.

Since 2016, Sayre has served as the Mayor's office lead for work with the United States Conference of Mayors and the Ohio Mayors Alliance. Mayor Ginther currently serves as Vice President for USCM, and Columbus recently hosted the USCM Annual meeting for the first time in our City's history. Sayre currently serves on the Boards of the Workforce Development Committee of Central Ohio, the Columbus Region Green Fund, and MORPC.

Prior to joining Mayor Ginther's office, Sayre served as a political consultant for several local and Federal elected officials, including Members of Congress and former Mayor Michael B. Coleman. He also served as a Legislative Assistant on Capitol Hill. Sayre has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from The Ohio State University.

