Qualifications for
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Objective:
To serve the community in a positive and fair manner as a decision maker on issues which affect the well being of social and environmental aspects of the every day world. Also, to discover and to learn what current events or issues might benefit the neighborhood where I reside.

Experience:
Has faithfully served with the Near East Area Commission (NEAC) since being appointed in March of 2001. Duties on the commission have been as a member, serving on the Zoning Committee, to evaluate proposed building projects, which require approval for zoning variances. Also, this requires on-site visits, with the owners or their representatives of these projects, to obtain an actual feel as to how they will work with the surrounding properties. Approvals are approved or denied, by the committee vote, for demolition of structures to allow for building expansions or elimination of blight to the environment. All recommendations are then presented, by the chairperson of the committee, to the general assembly of NEAC for further review. The results are then sent back to the proper department of the City of Columbus or to the City Council for their study. Attendance to public meetings or forums is also a major function performed to grasp the idealism or to provide input on topics, which will eventually affect the community.

Education:
Attended and completed primary and secondary education in the Columbus Public School system. Continued education at the local colleges and universities where major areas of studies where civil engineering and marketing. Many seminars have also been attended to embrace the engineering or marketing sciences or to learn more on policy decision-making

Hobbies:
Hiking, biking, fishing, golfing and gardening are the relaxation devices used in spare time. I also gain great enjoyment in family gatherings and socializing with people whom some of my discoveries and ideas can be exchanged