

South Linden Area Commission Application and Biographical Sketch

Application Date: _____ SLAC Receipt Date: _____ SLAC Review Date: _____

I. Personal Information

Your Name Your Birth Date: LEVI HAIRSTON DOB:12/20/2999

Street Address: 1370 E 22nd Ave

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Communication Preference(s): Personal eMail Text Call Mail Fax

II. Education Information

Highest Degree You Have Earned: Associate degree

High School Attended: Columbus Alternative High School

College(s) Attended: Columbus State Community College, Urbana University, Franklin University

Certifications and/or Special Skills: _____

What Has Been Your Best Learning Experience and What Made It A Good Learning Experience?

One of my best learning experiences was participating in a group project during my undergraduate studies. The project involved research, collaboration, and presenting our findings to a panel. Working with diverse team members taught me effective communication and compromise. Extensive research improved my analytical thinking and research skills. Presenting to experts enhanced my public speaking and adaptability. Feedback from the panel refined our project and taught me the value of constructive criticism. Overall, the project provided a holistic learning experience, enhancing subject knowledge and equipping me with valuable transferable skills.

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III. Community Involvement

Please list two community organizations in which you participate or volunteer (Past or present). Briefly state your role within the organization(s), purpose of the organization(s), and the start and/or end dates of your involvement. For example: Boy or Girl Scouts Troop Leader 1998--2000; Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentor 2000--2004; St. Augustine Church Sunday School Teacher 2005--present. If you have never been involved in an organization, simply indicate "NA".

Organization One:

St Stephens YP Board Member

Organization Two:

COLA (Central Ohio Leadership Academy)

Purpose of Organization:

to serve the community through volunteerism, community building, fundraising, and agency advocacy.

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to create life-changing experiences for our community's young leaders, develop their leadership skills, and enable them to work with others.

Years of Involvement:

2022 - present

Years of Involvement:

2018 - present

Your Role:

Board Member and apart of development committee

Your Rol:

Former Member and Alumni Committee member

Personal References

Please list two (2) people who know you, your character, and commitment to the greater Linden Community and who would be willing to act as a reference if contacted by the South Linden Area Commission.

Name One:

Robyn Watson

Name Two:

Bee Tolber

Telephone Number:

614-849-6477

Telephone Number:

614-824-8744

Relationship To You:

Mother and Mentor

Relationship To You:

Mentor

How Long Has This Person Known You?

All my Life

How Long Has This Person Known You?

10 years plus

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IV. Statement of Commitment

In 250 words up to 500 words, please respond to each of the following questions to explain your commitment to public service. Your response may be up to two (2) typewritten pages.

1. What traits do you feel define you as an emerging leader?
2. What makes you passionate about the greater Linden Community--south neighborhood?
3. What do you seek to gain, learn, or plan to achieve by serving on the South Linden Area Commission?

Question 1:

As an emerging leader, I embody a wide range of traits that shape my character and drive my actions, ultimately influencing the impact I make. A key attribute that sets me apart is my exceptional proficiency in communication, both in verbal and written forms. This aptitude enables me to effectively express my ideas, inspire others, and seamlessly collaborate with diverse groups. I firmly believe in the transformative power of active listening, empathizing with others, and embracing different perspectives, as they lay the foundation for meaningful discussions and foster consensus among team members. Furthermore, my proactive problem-solving approach equips me with the skills to identify challenges, analyze information, and implement innovative solutions. In complex situations, I adopt a strategic mindset, meticulously weighing risks and opportunities, all while staying focused on long-term objectives.

Another integral aspect of my leadership identity revolves around integrity and ethical conduct. I am unwaveringly committed to leading by example, upholding the highest moral standards, and cultivating a culture of transparency, honesty, and accountability. By consistently demonstrating these qualities, I am able to inspire trust and instill confidence in those I collaborate with. Moreover, my deep sense of empathy and compassion plays a pivotal role in my leadership style. I genuinely care about the well-being of others and prioritize creating inclusive and supportive environments. Guided by my philosophy, I am dedicated to nurturing the potential of individuals and empowering them to grow, thus fostering a collaborative and nurturing atmosphere that enables everyone to thrive.

Question 2:

The greater Linden Community, particularly the south neighborhood, holds a special place in my heart, and my passion for this community stems from a multitude of factors. Firstly, having actively participated in numerous programs within the area and have lived here for nearly three years, I have developed a deep connection and understanding of its dynamics. Despite facing various challenges, the residents have exhibited an unwavering spirit and a profound sense of community pride. Witnessing their resilience has been truly inspiring, igniting a strong desire within me to contribute to their overall well-being.

Moreover, my passion for the greater Linden Community is fueled by its untapped potential. It boasts a rich cultural heritage, a vibrant history, and a diverse population

that adds to its unique fabric. I firmly believe that by making strategic investments in the community's resources, infrastructure, and opportunities, we can unlock its full potential and foster a thriving, sustainable neighborhood. I am wholeheartedly committed to working collaboratively with community members, local organizations, and governmental bodies to revitalize the south neighborhood. By enhancing access to quality education, healthcare services, and employment opportunities, as well as promoting economic development, we can create a prosperous and inclusive environment for all residents.

Question 3:

As a member of the South Linden Area Commission, my primary objective is to comprehend the needs of the community and actively contribute to its progress. By actively engaging with residents, local businesses, and organizations, I seek to gain insights into the challenges and opportunities present in the area. My aim is to expand my understanding of urban planning, community development, and public policy in order to make well-informed decisions and effectively advocate for the community.

Promoting unity and fostering collaboration, I am dedicated to empowering residents, encouraging them to express their opinions and facilitating meaningful dialogue. I prioritize the comprehensive development of South Linden, addressing key aspects such as infrastructure, public safety, local businesses, affordable housing, and education. By working collaboratively with city officials and other stakeholders, I aim to implement projects and initiatives that will have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of South Linden's residents. Through a commitment to continuous learning, active engagement, and effective collaboration, I aspire to become an agent of change, contributing to the vibrancy and prosperity of the South Linden community.