



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Kenneth C. Paul, MBA, CTA *Chief of Staff*

In November 2018, Ken was named Chief of Staff by Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther, and is responsible for planning, organizing, managing, directing and overseeing the day-to-day operations office of the mayor, and the mayor's cabinet, consisting of the directors of all city departments. Previously, Ken served as Deputy Chief of Staff and was the mayor's liaison to the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Technology, Human Resources and the Columbus Civil Service Commission as well as Columbus City Council. In 2016, Ken successfully led the first transition in executive leadership in Columbus since the year 2000, and helped Mayor Ginther establish his cabinet, select a senior leadership team and define the new administration's policy agenda. Ken also helped to manage the mayor's first operating and capital budgets, and was responsible for implementation of key mayoral initiatives, including the use of body worn cameras by police. Ken previously served as the Chief of Staff to then City Council President Andrew J. Ginther, and was responsible for overseeing Council operations, the City Clerk's office and the Legislative Research Office. Ken also acted as Council liaison to the City Attorney, City Auditor, City Treasurer, and Office of the Mayor. He served as the chief adviser to the Council President and helped develop strategic initiatives and implement policy decisions spanning a broad spectrum of issues, including public safety, economic development and education. Prior to working for the City, Ken was Assistant Manager for Governmental Affairs for the Ohio Society of CPAs, and he began his career as the senior aide to State Senator Mark Mallory. Ken graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Political Science and later earned his MBA from Franklin University. He is a proud graduate of Leadership Columbus, Class of 2008 and was named to the "Forty under 40" Class of 2016 by *Columbus Business First*. Ken serves on the Board of Directors for Experience Columbus, is a Certified Tourism Ambassador and volunteers with organizations focused on eliminating hunger and homelessness in Columbus. Ken is very active in local politics, has volunteered with numerous campaigns and has devoted many hours promoting civic education in grades K-12. Having worked in and around government for more than 20 years, Ken has a passion for public service and is committed to making government work for the people. Originally from Kettering, Ohio, Ken moved to Columbus in 1999 and now lives in Worthington.