

AREA COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

The Department of Neighborhoods maintains the database for the Area Commission members in the City of Columbus. The information on this form is used to process the Mayor’s appointment and ensure timely and accurate distribution of meeting notices, training opportunities, and other City activities. **Please complete all sections of the form with information about your recently elected/appointed commissioner within seven (7) days of the election/appointment. After completing and signing this form, please return it, along with the appointees resume and/or biography to your Neighborhood Liaison via email.** Please contact your Neighborhood Liaison with any questions or comments.

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Area Commission Name	Near East Area Commission (NEAC)	
Please check appropriate box	New appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/>	Are there changes to this information? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
First Name	Laura	
Last Name	Recchie	
Title (i.e. officer / commissioner)	Commissioner	
Address	66 S. Douglass Street, Apt 202	
City	Columbus	
State	Ohio	
Zip Code	43205	
Home Telephone	614-304-1683	
Work Telephone	N/A	
Email Address	laura@rootandbranchinc.com	
District/Designation	District 3 C	
Term Start Date	7/1/2019	
Term Expiration	6/30/2022	
Seat Succession	OPEN	

Area Commission Chair Signature Kathleen D. Bailey

*****ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED*****

Add Bio:

Laura Recchie

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Root + Branch, Inc

President and Founder

March 2015- Present

www.rootandbranchinc.com

Laura Recchie's world is wrapped around communities and coalition. Her career in community development has taught her to identify community challenges; pinpoint resources and broker winning partnerships that achieve shared goals. She founded Root + Branch, Inc. as a Benefit Corporation aimed at that purpose. She works closely with neighborhood organizations, not-for-profit associations and developers to create the best possible solutions for communities. Through Root + Branch, Ms. Recchie has spearheaded the development of projects to implement over a megawatt of community-centered solar projects in Washington, DC through her Neighborhood Solar Equity initiative. She has helped envision and execute numerous projects focused on equitable development in Columbus, Ohio and Washington, DC that have led to community cleanups, block watches, neighborhood festivals, the reuse of vacant spaces and other experiences that break down social barriers and catalyze community engagement. Above all she promotes, catalyzes and encourages equitable and inclusive development within her communities.

Praxia Partners

Director of Strategy and Project Development

February 2012- Present

www.praxia-partners.com

- Develops new initiatives and strategies to encourage and create equitable development through affordable housing, renewable energy and service enriched housing.
- Serves as the lead project manager for ongoing solar installations with Praxia's Community Renewable Energy enterprise, with experience in permitting, design review, historic review, procurement, and interconnection.
- Develop partnerships between private sector, public leaders and community groups to promote sustainability and community growth, including but not limited to deploying clean energy, supporting after school literacy programs for immigrant and refugee youth in Columbus, advocating for environmental justice and energy equity, developing anti-displacement strategies for gentrifying neighborhoods, and hosting placemaking events.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs

Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking

International Relations Analyst;

September 2010- February 2012

Presidential Management Fellow

- Co-coordinate 35 writers and 145 country reports through a multi-level editing and interagency clearance process to produce the annual report, *The Department of Labor's Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor*.
- Oversee over \$2 millions of grants and contracts for programs to eliminate the worst forms of child labor globally.
- Facilitate and engage in policy dialogue with various stakeholders, including foreign governments, NGO's, U.S. Embassies, multinational organizations, inter-agency partners and academic institutions.

Board of Trustees - New Leaders Council- Columbus

2018- Present

Columbus, Ohio

Board of Trustees- St. Joseph Montessori School

2019- Present

Columbus, Ohio

EDUCATION

Georgetown University, McCourt School of Public Policy

Master of Public Policy

May 2010

Concentration: International Policy and Development

Thesis: *Will Children be Asked to Work More and Learn Less? The Impact of Agrarian Incomes on Education in Tanzania*

Awards: Presidential Management Fellow

University of Pittsburgh, Honors College

Bachelor of Arts in Honors PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics)

April 2007

Minor in Italian, Certificate in European Union Studies