

BRANDON BARCUS

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OBJECTIVE

Experienced public service professional and lifelong central Ohio resident seeking appointment to the Columbus Labor Commission to ensure fair wage and hour law enforcement. Bringing expertise in regulatory compliance, policy analysis, and community engagement to protect worker rights and strengthen Columbus's business community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Area Commissioner 01/2024 – Present

Greater Hilltop Area Commission

- Currently serving as elected commissioner addressing community development and resident concerns.
- Advocate for resident interests in local government processes and policy decisions.
- Build consensus among diverse community stakeholders on neighborhood improvement initiatives.

Board Member 01/2022 – Present

Highland West Civic Association

- Oversee the development of regular community discussions, seminars and litter cleanup initiatives.
- Collaborate with residents and city officials to address neighborhood concerns and development issues.
- Participate in policy discussions affecting local residents and property owners.

Vice Commander 04/2024 – 04/2025

AMVETS Post 1928

- Led veteran advocacy organization supporting service members and their families.
- Managed organizational operations and coordinated community service initiatives benefitting central OH veterans.
- Advocated for veteran employment rights and workplace protections.

MILITARY SERVICE

United States Army Reserve, Rank: Captain 03/2018 – Present

Past Assignments include: Public Affairs Officer • Systems Engineer and Assistant Knowledge Manager

Company Commander • Operations Officer • Platoon Leader

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cyber Defense Analyst 03/2024 – Present

Leidos (Contract Supporting Defense Information Systems Agency) – Whitehall, OH

- Monitor federal network infrastructure using Splunk and advanced SIEM platforms to protect Department of Defense Information Network (DODIN)
- Ensure regulatory compliance with DoD cybersecurity policies and federal security guidelines across mission partner systems.
- Provide 24/7 security operations support for classified and unclassified federal systems hosted in secure data center environment.

Cybersecurity Policy Analyst 10/2022 – 11/2024

Horizon Industries, LLC (Contract Supporting Defense Logistics Agency) - Whitehall, OH

- Developed and maintained security documentation.
- Assisted in compliance assessments and risk mitigation strategies for federal systems.
- Ensured alignment with DoD security policies and procedures, advising leadership on security posture improvements.

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Cyber Defense Analyst

08/2021 – 10/2022

Leidos (Contract Supporting Defense Information Systems Agency) – Whitehall, OH

- Conducted continuous security monitoring of DoD networks, identifying and mitigating cybersecurity threats.
- Reviewed DoD cybersecurity policies to ensure adherence to national security guidelines.
- Provided security analysis and incident response for classified and unclassified federal systems.

IT Instructor and Upskilling Facilitator

09/2019 – 07/2022

Goodwill of Central Ohio – Columbus, OH

- Developed training curricula for IT security principles, risk management, and compliance frameworks.
- Provided hands-on training in network security, troubleshooting, cloud computing, and cybersecurity best practices.

US Census Field Manager

06/2019 – 12/2020

Bureau of the Census, US Department of Commerce – Columbus, OH

- Directed a federal outreach initiative, directly and indirectly supervising 300+ staff and achieving 100% participation in targeted areas.
- Ensured compliance with federal guidelines and provided regular updates to senior officials.
- Leveraged data-driven strategies to optimize outreach and engagement efforts in underrepresented communities.

Ohio House of Representatives

08/2014 – 02/2018

Legislative Aide to State Representative – Columbus, OH

- Staffed committees and offered guidance to Representative on stakeholder positions on legislation.
- Crafted speeches, press releases and managed all social media for Representative.
- Analyzed and researched legislative proposals. Provided policy recommendations to benefit community groups and coalitions.

Campaign Manager

05/2016 – 12/2016

Citizens for Bishoff Ohio House Campaign – Columbus, OH

- Managed top-tier targeted winning 2016 Ohio House of Representatives political campaign, leading operation canvassing over 26,000 residential doors and made over 300,000 phone calls to persuade voters.
- Created and executed finance plan which exceeded goals, raising over \$170,000 in individual and organization contributions.
- Exceeded fundraising goal by appx. \$10,000 and reduced operational expenditures by over \$6,000 compared to projections.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration

Ohio University – Athens, OH

Bachelor of Science, Social Work

Ohio University – Athens, OH