

Michael D. Reese
Chief of Staff
Mayor Michael B. Coleman's Office

Michael D. Reese has worked within City Hall for sixteen years, the last six years serving as Chief of Staff for Mayor Michael B. Coleman. Prior to his current appointment on January 2, 2007, Reese served as Deputy Chief of Staff/Director of Policy in the Mayor's Office. Before his work within the City of Columbus, Mike worked for the Ohio Senate as a Legislative Aide for State Senator Linda J. Furney.

The Chief of Staff's job includes management of the Mayor's fourteen Cabinet Directors; implementing the Mayor's agenda; guiding key policy decisions related to economic development and neighborhoods; managing the operating and capital budgets, (estimated annually at over 1.75 billion dollars); and serving as a liaison to the business community.

Reese is a 1990 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Government. He earned his Master of Arts Degree from Bowling Green State University in 1993 in Political Science and is a 1999 Leadership Columbus graduate through the Columbus Chamber. He is a participant at the Harvard Kennedy School Urban Policy Impact Forums held semi-annually in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mike has three children: Sam, Andrew and Molly. He has participated in three marathons and serves on the boards of the Columbus Marathon, Experience Columbus (Convention and Visitor's Bureau), and the Bicentennial Commission as well as recently joining the Greater Columbus Sports Commission.