



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 leading the day-to-day operations of the office of the mayor and the mayor's cabinet. He directs the City's \$1 billion operating budget process, as well as the City's capital budget program. He has guided the City's response to COVID-19, including the disbursement of hundreds of millions in federal aid to residents, businesses and human services partners. He is also helping lead the City's efforts to reform policing, including the hiring of the City's first external police chief and the establishment of a Civilian Police Review Board. Before accepting the role of chief of staff, Ken served as deputy chief of staff and was the 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 led Mayor's Transition Advisory Committee, and helped Mayor Ginther establish his cabinet, select a senior leadership team and define the new administration's policy agenda. 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. He was the chief policy advisor and helped develop and implement strategic initiatives 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 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, the Columbus Sports Commission and the North Market Development Authority, and is a Certified Tourism Ambassador. Originally from Kettering, Ohio, Ken moved to Columbus in 1999.