



HEARCEL F. CRAIG, SR.

Hearcel Craig is currently a newly-appointed City of Columbus Council Member and, most recently, the Director of Customer Service/Community Relations for the Franklin County Clerk of Courts. Hearcel has an extensive and distinguish career in the public and private sectors which includes: Executive Director, Hilltop Civic Council, Inc.; Legislative Affairs Officer, Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS); and Corporate Manager, J.C. Penney Insurance Company. Hearcel was recently certified as a member of NASD Dispute Resolution, Board of Arbitrators. As Legislative Affairs Officer with ODYS, he was instrumental in the framing and passage of HB 812, which resulted in a Capital Improvements Bill for \$83 million. Hearcel's commitment to community service spans over 30 years. His community involvement includes: Board Chair, Franklin County Prevention Institute; Board Chair, Alliance for Cooperative Justice; Board Chair, Greater Columbus African-American Chamber of Commerce; Second Vice President, and State Education Chair, NAACP; 100 Black Men; Program Chair Urban Scouting, Boy Scouts of America; Curriculum Committee, Department of Business and Industry Technology, Columbus State Community College; In-Roads, Training and Development Council; Board Trustee, Ohio Hunger Task Force; Board Trustee, Directions for Youth; Board Trustee, First Church of God Learning Academy; Board Trustee, Mt. Olivet Christian Academy; African-American Advisory Council & Equity Taskforce, Columbus Public Schools; Governor's Commission on Socially-Disadvantaged Black Males; Former President, Berwyn East Civic Association; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He has also been a candidate for various elected offices and is a widely respected public speaker throughout the State of Ohio. Hearcel is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including resolutions from the City of Columbus and Ohio House of Representatives; The Golden Ruler Award, Columbus Public Schools; Who's Who in Black Columbus; Who's Who in the Mid-West; Nimrod B. Allen Outstanding Citizen Award, Columbus Urban League; Pinnacle Award, Being Single Magazine; NAACP Outstanding Service Award; '04 Stefanie Spielman's Champion Award; Foster O. Newlin Award. Hearcel holds a Master of Science in Administration, Central Michigan University. **Master of Divinity (in progress), Ashland Theological Seminary.** He is also a graduate of Ohio Executive Institute, Cleveland State University; National Service Leadership Institute; Leadership Columbus; Leadership Ohio; and is Join Together, National Leadership Fellow, Boston University. Hearcel is a Minister at the First Church of God, Columbus, Ohio. He is married to Linda Craig; father of Hearcel Jr., Jhonathon, Larrinda and LaKisha; and grandfather to: Justin, Brandee, Jurnee and Denim.