


**NORTH LINDEN AREA COMMISSION**  
**Commissioner Information Forms**

<b>FIELD</b>	<b>CURRENT INFORMATION</b>	<b>NEW INFORMATION</b>
<b>Step #4 legistar Area Commissioner</b>	<b>Appointment of HEATHER FITZGERALD, of Columbus, Ohio to serve on the North Linden Area Commission with a term expiration date of 6/30/2020.</b>	(1) Please print new information clearly, OR (2) Place a "check" in these boxes if member is re-elected and information is unchanged (3) Do not forget to update "Term Expiration" for re-elected members
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Term Start Date	7/1/2018	
Term Expiration	6/30/2020	
Seat Succession	Appointment to Fill Unexpired Term	Former Seat of Warner Rase

Chairman of Commission's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Commissioner Profile at [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Y4et\\_J7vhSIyfr4Mer2Ysi8TVgb6-pA0](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Y4et_J7vhSIyfr4Mer2Ysi8TVgb6-pA0)

August 8, 2018

Dear Commissioners of Linden,

I have been a resident of the Linden area since 2017 and I am committed to helping my community make even more positive changes. The work already being done here is an incredible testament to the inclusivity and selfless hearts that our residents possess. I only wish I had moved here earlier!

My reason for pursuing the Business Commissioner Seat is twofold: My career and life passions revolve around helping the indigent in my neighborhood, and I have a personal interest in ending sex trafficking in Linden and Ohio as a whole.

I worked as a Case Manager with the YMCA and Community Shelter Board for several years, directly assisting victims of sex trafficking. My job was to find employment, housing, and after-care services for these victims, through the lens of Trauma Informed Care. These experiences and trainings showed me how desperately resources and shelter are needed for these folks. Ohio is #4 in sex trafficking nationally, and yet we have few means to assist victims of this type. Recently we have seen a large shift in missing and exploited children in our neighborhood. The time is now to act and create much needed change.

My goal is to pair with current community leaders to open and operate Ohio's first dedicated sex trafficking survivors shelter and resource center. My organization will focus on providing emergency services for police who pick up victims in place of jail or open shelter, and will educate the public servants who most often come into contact with them. COTA, Uber, Lyft, Hotel management and operational staff, Retail and restaurants; our community needs more awareness and education to fight this horrific battle.

We in Linden desperately need a safe place where survivors can be embraced, allowing them to heal and become proud and dignified community members. If elected to the Commission and in lieu of my other duties, I intend to be fully involved, utilizing the means entrusted to me to further our fight against this nightmare. This is a true Linden issue that extends far beyond our small area. If elected I will work hard to bring awareness to this cause and link us with other state agencies whose goal is the same.

I thank the Commission for their time and sincerely look forward to serving my community to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Heather FitzGerald

## Biography

Heather R. FitzGerald

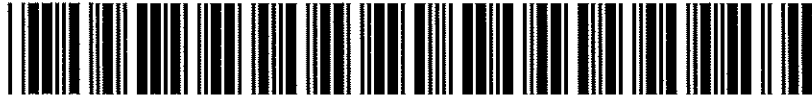
Seeking Commissioner to the Business Seat, Linden, Ohio

My love of Columbus began in 2011 when I relocated here from Detroit, MI, working for a national non-profit. In my 7 years there I was able to cultivate and maintain valuable relationships within Columbus City government and many of the communities they serve. My involvement with this organization required me to produce over 40 fundraising events, the most successful drawing over 3,000 attendees. Lobbying was a core responsibility, and so I spent many hours doing so at both the state and national level. I have worked directly on 5 citizens initiatives, all for the betterment of the underserved.

Currently I am employed through the City of Columbus as a Recreation Specialist, requested and hired by the center director to act as a liaison between the center staff and the homeless guests who visit us each day. I interact with more than 50 homeless men, women, and children each day, ensuring that we are providing the best services available, and working to effect change where the programs are lacking.

I have over a decade of experience working in local communities and bringing resources to the people who need them.

I am a dedicated public servant.



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