

City Council Application

Reference #	11751078
Status	Complete
First Name	James
Last Name	Roosa
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
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Email Address	[REDACTED]
Street Address	[REDACTED] Clarendon Road
Place of Employment	Roosa Co., LPA, Cleveland State University
Position	Attorney, Adjunct Professor
Length of residence in Cleveland Heights	14
Are you a registered Cleveland Heights voter?	Yes

What special qualities, abilities, skills, insights or perspectives do you possess which would be of value in serving on Cleveland Heights City Council?

As a 8 year member of the Board of Trustees for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights, I have overseen the management, operation, development and expansion of one of our community's most important institutions that affects virtually every citizen. My work for the Board involves fiscal management, human resource allocation, citizen concerns, and the development of relationships with numerous groups throughout the City.

As a member of the Cleveland Heights Administrative Services Commission, I was able to first hand the needs of our city government and our community, and to work cooperatively with my fellow committee members and trustees in addressing those needs.

I believe that my 31 years of practice as an attorney focusing on the legal needs of small businesses, entrepreneurs and individuals has given me real world experience with a wide variety of issues that affect almost all of us, and the opportunity to develop analytical and problem solving skills that are pragmatic and fair.

Most importantly, I believe that anyone who serves on a body such as the Cleveland Heights City Council, should do so out of a sense of compassion and care for those effected by his/her decisions. I work daily to develop those qualities in my life.

What educational training (formal or informal), employment and other life experiences have helped you develop the qualities, abilities, etc., described above?

In terms of formal education, I believe that my training as a lawyer and a practitioner for over 30 years has given me the ability to perceive, understand and analyze a wide variety of issues that fall within the purview of the Council. As a trained mediator, I understand the importance of listening to all voices and reaching consensus.

As a single parent, I appreciate many of the challenges facing families in our community.

Please list your recent community, professional or charitable involvements. List the most recent first.

Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Trustees (2010-present)
La Brae Ministry - Serving Meals to East Cleveland Citizens
Cleveland Heights Administrative Services Commission (2005-2010)
Co-Founder, Forest Hill ThunderRun 5-K Charity Run (2009-2015)
Forest Hill Church, Elder (2010 to present)
Legal Aid Society, Past Trustee

What are your goals for our community and are there areas in which you believe the City needs improvement? How would your service on City Council help achieve those goals and improve the City?

I would like to see Cleveland Heights gain in population, rather than lose population.

As a member of Council, I will promote outreach to nearby institutions who have the ability to encourage their constituents to locate in CH.

I would like to see our property values increase, not decrease.

As a member of Council, I would continue our policy of building code enforcement and explore better accountability for rental properties and their owners.

I would like to see new and creative ways of enhancing the City's revenue.

Realizing that this is an area that requires continuous creativity, as a Council member, I will draw on my long experience advising entrepreneurs to find creative ways to enhance the City's revenue.

I would like to see more businesses locate in Cleveland Heights.

I believe the City is doing a good job at attracting business, but can do better. We have a wealth of viable business locations and a committed "buy local" constituency. As a Council member, I would like to better understand and further existing programs, while creating new incentives for businesses to locate in ch.

Do you have other responsibilities which would prevent you from participating in City Council and Council Committee work during certain hours or on certain days?

No. I have purposefully designed my professional commitments in a manner that allow flexibility for my civic commitments. By way of example, in 8 years on the Board of Trustees of the CH-UH libraries, the number of meetings I have had to miss can be counted on one hand.

State any additional information you would like to have considered.

I would be honored to serve the community on Council. I am happy to provide personal and professional references, upon request. Thanks for your consideration.

Would you like to upload a Resume?

Yes

Resume or CV Upload (5 MB Limit)

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I agree to electronically sign this form.

Signature

James K Roosa

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JAMES KING ROOSA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1999- Present ROOSA CO., LPA (*Principal*)
Cleveland, Ohio; www.roosalaw.com
General counsel to closely held enterprises; Entity formation (corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships) mergers and acquisitions, financing, contracts, licensing, real estate, trademark and copyrights, business litigation, non-profit entities
- 2011- Present Cleveland State University – Adjunct Professor
- 1996-98 CALFEE, HALTER & GRISWOLD (*Attorney*)
Cleveland, Ohio
General corporate, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, licensing, securities
- 1990-96 AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP. (*Assist. Gen. Counsel*)
Cleveland, Ohio
General corporate, real estate, securities, intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy, antitrust, business litigation

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Cleveland Heights-University Heights Libraries (Trustee 2010-present, former President)
- Cleveland Heights Administrative Services Commission (2005-2010)
- Co-Founder, Forest Hill ThunderRun Charity 5-K run
- Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland (Former Trustee)

EDUCATION

- 1987 CASE WESTERN RESERVE SCHOOL OF LAW (J.D.)
Cleveland, Ohio
Juris Doctor
Honors and Activities; Law Review, Student Bar Association Board of Governors
- 1982 YALE UNIVERSITY (M.M.)
New Haven, Connecticut
Honors and Activities; Graduate School Senate,
Dean's Advisory Committee
- 1980 OBERLIN COLLEGE (B.M.)
Oberlin, Ohio
Honors and Activities; Haskell Graduate Fellowship

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 12-year resident of Cleveland Heights
- Two children (ages 17 and 15) enrolled in CH-UH District
- Elder, Forest Hill Presbyterian Church

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