

## City Council Application

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First Name	Karin
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Street Address	[REDACTED] Canterbury Road
Place of Employment	Freelance writer and journalist
Position	Senior News Editor
Length of residence in Cleveland Heights	20 years
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?	I have the ability to look at things neutrally and weigh all of the factors when making a decision or coming up with a solution. I love Cleveland Heights and want to see it continue to be an ideal city for families, young people, and seniors who embrace diversity, take pride in their homes, and look toward the future in both economic and civic development. For the past 20 years, I have reported on all of the positive changes and new programs in the region and I want those efforts to continue in Cleveland Heights. I have a fair and calm outlook to make things happen.

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

B.A. in English, non-fiction writing concentration from Ohio Wesleyan University, which taught me to think critically, write concisely and weight all the perspectives. As a reporter, I have to remain neutral and tell people's stories without letting my opinions weigh into the story.

I was diagnosed with Type I diabetes when I was six years old, which taught me to be responsible at a young age. Then, when I first received a kidney transplant six years ago, followed by a pancreas transplant five years ago, I learned the value of life and the beauty of kindness from others.

The friendships and relationships I've formed while living in Cleveland Heights, and the new and growing businesses I've reported on have further encouraged my dedication to the city.

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

--Volunteer, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries'  
2100 Lakeside Men's Homeless Shelter

--2016 Republican National Convention Host  
Committee Content Committee

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**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'd like to see Cleveland Heights continue to grow as a great city to raise a family and as an arts, entertainment, and food destination for residents all over Northeast Ohio. I think we need to continue our policy of tolerance and continue our celebration of diversity.

On the other hand, I think we need to better address the crime occurring (robberies, car break-ins, and thefts). While I know these are issues every inner-ring suburb faces, I want to make sure residents and visitors feel safe on our streets and in our homes.

I also want to celebrate our beautiful homes, our unique residents endeavors (such as raising chickens or honeybees, serving as a Sanctuary City, businesses that truly give back to the community).

As a council member I would actively work to implement programs that recognize businesses, organizations, and people for their efforts, as well as support laws and programs to award those efforts and deter malevolent behavior and actions.

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**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.

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**State any additional information you would like to have considered.**

While I don't have any direct council or city government experience, I did cover Amherst (OH) city council as a reporter 25 years ago and I am familiar with the workings of city government.

Even though I'm a journalist, my responsibilities at FreshWater and other publications would not interfere with my duties as a council member. If I felt there was any conflict, I would recuse myself from the assignment.

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**Would you like to upload a Resume?**

Yes

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**Resume or CV Upload (5 MB Limit)**

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# Karin Connelly Rice

Canterbury Road, Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44118

## Summary

I am an award-winning writer, editor and marketing visionary who likes to share the business success stories of people and companies. I am experienced in business writing, marketing communications and public relations in print and electronic media.

## Experience

**Senior News Editor, *Fresh Water Cleveland***, April 2011 – Present, Cleveland, OH

I report on growing and innovative companies in Cleveland. Fresh Water explores the positive and enriching things going on in the city.

**Freelance Journalist**, November 1998- Present, Cleveland, OH

I am a freelance writer, editor and communications specialist with a focus on local business. Clients include Issue Media Group and Great Lakes Publishing. Projects include special publication of stories for the Ohio Federal Research Network and custom publishing jobs on specific cities and projects.

**PR Writer, Haselow Marketing Communications**, April 1998–November 1998, Mayfield Hts, OH

- Developed and wrote press releases, case histories, feature articles materials for a variety of B2B clients.
- Collaborated with trade and commercial editors for placement of articles and releases.
- Wrote and revised copy for agency's web site.
- Proofread collateral and public relations copy.

**Copy Editor, *The Morning Journal***, February 1996–January 1997 Lorain, OH

- Edited AP Wire and local stories for style, content and grammar for a daily newspaper.
- Wrote headlines, produced entertainment and obituary pages and assisted in production.

**Editor, *In the Neighborhood***, January 1996–September 1997, Rocky River and Lakewood, OH

- Produced an award-winning weekly newspaper from inception.
- Designed look and overall feel of the newspaper.
- Generated story ideas, shot photography, wrote headlines, edited copy.
- Supervised freelancers in gathering and writing copy.

**General Assignment Reporter, *Amherst News-Times***, February 1995–September 1996 Amherst, OH

- Wrote news, feature and sports stories for award-winning weekly community newspaper.
- Shot photography, developed film and produced prints for publication.
- Assisted with layout and production.
- Trained colleagues and new employees.

## Education

Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, B.A., 1992 English with a non-fiction writing concentration

## Memberships

–**Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries' 2100 Lakeside men's homeless shelter**

Volunteer, *September 2017 - present*

–**2016 Republican National Convention Host Committee Content Committee**

Editorial staff, *October 2015 - July 2016*

–**Lake Erie Moose Society**

Member, *January 2011- present*

–**International Association of Business Communicators, Cleveland chapter**

Treasurer, *January 1998 - November 2000*