

## City Council Application

Reference #	11710817
Status	Complete
First Name	KEBA
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Email Address	[REDACTED]
Street Address	[REDACTED] E. Overlook Road
Place of Employment	University of Baldwin Wallace, Berea, Ohio
Position	Professor
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 a doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Akron, in Akron, Ohio and a Masters and a BA in Criminal Justice from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. I was also a member of CAC ( I was a member for 10 years and I held different positions, in committees and then I was the Chair of the CAC for 2 years (2013-2015). During my tenure as a chair, I presented the CDBG annual report to the Council, explained the disbursement of the funds to various applicants for the CDBG funds. This experience allows me to be familiar with the city administration , its procedures and the way , the city ordonances work. With my doctorate in Public Administration (specialist on Budget & Finances, Ethics in Government, Leadership & personnel), I will focus on Budget and how to bring resources to alleviate the loss of funds from the State. I will always seek to employ effective ways to solve our budget issue; in working with the city's manager and her excellent staff, who I have to known (some of them) since working with them as a member and chair of the CAC. I will also urge an equitable distribution of funds for all commercial and business districts so that the economic growth reaches all part of the city. Once this reached, the city can have a broad tax base which will be fair to all of us and alleviate the tax burden on citizens. With my Masters and BA in Criminal Justice, I will focus on crime and Public safety issues across our city. As a Criminalist and a Ph.D. in Public Administration, my objective is to work with youth organization, advocacy groups, business leaders, families and police to create conditions that allow our youth to enter into mentoring programs, where they can work with police officers, teachers and parents to make them understand their responsibilities and duties toward their fellow citizens , elderly people and businesses.

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

I have a doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Akron, in Akron, Ohio and a Masters and a BA in Criminal Justice from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. I was also a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for ten years (10) with the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. In addition, since 2001, I have been involved with the Upward Bound Program at Cuyahoga Community College- Metro Campus in Cleveland, Ohio; where I taught for 11 years French and Spanish to inner City teens. In addition, I have knowledge of collective body functions. As a former member of the CAC and its Chair, I have led a collective body that works hand in hand with City Council members and the City Manager's staff regarding the CDBG funds (also known as the Community Development Block Grant) that are allocated to diverse organizations across our city. During my tenure at CAC, I have developed a strong interaction with a collective body that mirrors the work of the City Council. This will make it easier for me to work with all members of the City Council and also the staff as well.

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

I was a member of the Board of Directors of Reaching Heights, from 2013 to 2017; and I was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for ten years. As a former member of these community organizations, I work with diverse people on a variety of issues that are relevant to the economic and social well being of our city. I will bring these experiences to the City Council, once I am nominated to replace the Honorable Council Woman Cheryl Stephens.

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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 have two main goals I would focus as a member of the City Council: First, I will focus on Crime and Public Safety across our city. The fear of crime can negatively affect the businesses and deter newcomers to the city. I will work tirelessly with the Police Department, the Citizens, youth organizations and my colleagues on the Council to tackle this important issue. Second, I will focus on economic development that brings businesses and other financial resources to the city and thus reduces the tax burden on our citizens. In addition, I will improve the communication from the city council regarding city business. People are entitled to be informed about the Council policies. Finally, I will work on the Housing development (North side and Noble Road) areas) because to improve the Housing stock in these areas will have a multiplier effect and will generate resources for the economic development. but also for the citizens.

**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 a flexible schedule from the University

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

I have been in Cleveland Heights for more than 20 years, I love living here with my wife and my daughter. We both are working in the field of education. I made a lots of friends here and I was involved in many activities in my neighborhood. I would like to serve and to build a better future for our city and its citizens.

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

Yes

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

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**Item # 23**

I agree to electronically sign this form.

**Signature**

Keba Sylla

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Curriculum Vita  
**KEBA SYLLA**

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## Education

### PhD in Public Administration, 2011

The University of Akron, Akron, OH

Dissertation: Addressing the Brain Drain of African Medical Professionals to Western Countries

### M.A. in Criminal Justice Studies, 2006

Kent State University, Kent, OH

### B.A. in Criminal Justice Studies, 2004

Kent State University, Kent, OH

### B.A. in History, 1996

University of Metz-Paul, Verlaine, France

## Languages

Fluent in English, French, Spanish, and in several West African dialects: Bambara, Fulani, Mandingo

## Academic Positions

Adjunct Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature 08/2013 to Present  
Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, OH

Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice, Sociology Department 03/2006 to Present  
The University of Akron, Akron, OH

Adjunct Professor, Sociology/Justice Studies Department 2011  
Kent State University, Kent, OH

Graduate Assistant/CDBG Grant research for Institute of Health and 08/2007 to 05/2010  
Social Policy, The University of Akron, Akron, OH

Instructor, Upward Bound 11/2002 to 07/2011  
Cuyahoga Community College Eastern Campus, Cleveland, OH

## Professional Employment

Translator/Interpreter, International Services Center Cleveland, OH	01/10/2000 to 04/25/2005
Intern Probation Officer, Cuyahoga County Adult Probation Department Cleveland, OH	7/15 to 8/20/2003
Instructor of French, Spanish, History, Upward Bound Program Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus, Cleveland, OH	03/2001 to 05/2002
Journalist intern at "Voice of America" French to Africa Division Washington, DC	01/1997 to 05/1997
Radio Broadcast Journalist, Radio France International Paris, France	08/1990 to 11/1995

## Publications

- Sylla, K. (2014). Challenges to democratic governance in developing countries. In G. M. Mudacumua & G. Morçol (Eds.), *Defining corruption in the cultural context of Sub-Saharan Africa* (pp. 171-179). New York, NY: Springer.
- Sylla, K. (in press). Addressing the revitalization of Ohio's small towns and urban centers in an era of increased bashing rhetoric about the government's role in political discourse. *The International Journal of Civic, Political, and Community Studies (International Journal of Humanities)*.
- Sylla, K. (2012). The rule of law in bureaucratic bashing era of individualism: The case of immigration. *The International Journal of Civic, Political, and Community Studies (International Journal of Humanities)*, 10(1), 41-53. Virtual presentation at the 10th International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, June 2012.
- Sylla, K. (2011). Political Islam in West Africa and the Sahel. A review. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 1(10).
- Cox III, R. W., Plagen, G., & Sylla, K. (2010). The leadership-followership dynamic: Making the choice to follow. *Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, 5, 37-52.

## Articles Reviewed for the *International Journal of Humanity, Civic, Political, and Community Studies*

A big mistake: England's loyalty to the vested rights theory. (2012).

The rhetoric of minority government. (2012).

Framing the strain, resource mobilization, attrition through enforcement, and the nativist trifecta: The goal, the players, and the fallout of Arizona's movement against irregular migrants. (2011).

## **Presentations**

Addressing the Revitalization of Ohio's Small Towns and Urban Centers in an Era of Increased Bashing Rhetoric About the Government's Role in Political Discourse. Presented at a Conference by the *International Journal of Humanity, Civic, Political and Community Studies*, Madrid, Spain, June 2013.

Rule of Law in Bureaucratic Bashing Era of Individualism: The Case of Immigration. Presented at a Conference by the *International Journal of Humanity, Civic, Political and Community Studies*, Montreal Quebec, Canada, June 2012.

Defining Corruption in the Cultural Context of Sub-Saharan Africa. Presented at Conference on Good Governance in Africa, Philadelphia, PA, August 2012.

Participant as a graduate student at American Society of Criminology Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2004

Participant as a graduate student at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference Chicago IL, September 2004

The Role of Senegalese Women in African Colonial Liberation Movement: Black Studies Program, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH, 1999.

## **Awards and Honors**

Certificate of Appreciation Upward Bound Program Summer Enrichment Institute Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH, 2002, 2010

Certificate of Appreciation for Service: Citizens Advisory Committee, Community of Development for Block Grant administration with the City Council of Cleveland Heights, OH since 2006.

## **Professional Organizations**

Golden Key International Honor Society  
Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society  
Member of Citizen Advisory Committee, Cleveland Heights, OH  
Chair of Financial Sub-committee, Cleveland Heights, OH