

City Council Application

Reference #	11718565
Status	Complete
First Name	Mark
Last Name	Washinton
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Street Address	[REDACTED] Silsby Road
Place of Employment	Sherwin-Williams
Position	IT Analyst/Developer
Length of residence in Cleveland Heights	Ohio
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?	The qualities and skills that I possess that will help me effectively serve as a council person include my ability to communicate with others who might be frustrated, listen to their issues and help them work through them. I have experience dealing with county government, general problem solving, and I try to keep abreast of all local, state and federal political issues.

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

I spent six years working for a publicly funded non profit called Starting Point where I was a data analyst for their Out-of School Time department. At Starting Point, I created and managed a database for a grant we managed for the county, it was my responsibility to train agencies that were funded through this grant to enter their data into our data base. I believe this experience would be valuable to me as a council person because a number of the grantees were not tech savvy and often had complaints about the database. It was my job to help them through their issues so they could successful enter the data. This experience would be useful in dealing with residents who come to me with their complaints and expect me to find solutions for their problems. Also my work experience at Starting Point directly exposed me to some of the workings of county government which would be useful as a council person. I believe my life experience as a black man would be valuable to the council as there are no black men currently on the council and given the city's large black population we should be fairly represented on the council.

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

I went to a city council meeting and voiced issues about my neighbors not taking care of their property.

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?

My goal for Cleveland Heights is for it to be a thriving community and the most desirable suburb in the Cleveland area. The areas I believe the city needs improvement in are making sure residents maintain the upkeep of their property, the high RITA taxes, and vacant retail space. As council person I would make these my marquee issues to make sure they are addressed.

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?

I have a full time job at Sherwin Williams that requires me to work Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM. However, my supervisor is pretty flexible so if I need to leave early sometimes or come in late it wouldn't be an issue.

State any additional information you would like to have considered.	no
Would you like to upload a Resume?	Yes
Resume or CV Upload (5 MB Limit)	Mark_Caldwell_Washington_SW_Resume.doc (44k)
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Signature	Mark Washinton
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