

City Council Application

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Street Address	[REDACTED] Coventry Rd [REDACTED]
Place of Employment	Cuyahoga County Board of Elections
Position	Voting Location Deputy
Length of residence in Cleveland Heights	36 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?	Maturity, balance, and stability. Over my decades as a Cleveland Heights resident I have been robustly engaged with both the local for-profit and non-profit sectors. This engagement also embraces both partisan and non-partisan action, as well as regular ecumenical and scholarly activities. I also try to be a good neighbor over here in Coventry Village by encouraging local retailers, patrolmen, students, and the various other people I come in contact with via the Coventry Phoenix Cafe across the street from my home..

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

Last year I graduated with the fifth class of our Cleveland Heights Citizens Police Academy. Next year my Cleveland Heights High School Class of 1989 will gather for our 30th anniversary high school reunion. During my 15 years assisting the Cleveland Orchestra I've literally worked all over Severance Hall and Blossom Music Center. My active duty service in the United States Air Force (1992-1996) has marked me in countless positive ways and my ongoing involvement with the broader veterans community will never end.

I am also an active member of Communion of Saints Parish, formerly known as St. Ann's. At church I've served with a number of committees and groups, including Parish Pastoral Council. I was also on one of the merger sub-committees when the four historic Catholic parishes of Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland were united into one new faith community, embracing both cities.

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

Volunteering extra time for the 2018 holiday concerts at Severance Hall.

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?

A lot of stable property is empty and under-utilized at Severance Town Center and in other niches around the city. Why can't these be re-zoned or adapted to invite usage by various e-commerce businesses, film studios, universities, schools, etcetera?

Could a tax incentive be designed that would draw more creative use for this very viable real estate? We should be able to adapt our own local facilities to better exploit, for instance, the Ohio tax credits and incentives for the film industry.

Why can't a portion of the Severance property become a permanent studio, for use by both student film-makers and professional production crews?

From what I've heard, there is more than one re-branding/ development plan currently on the table. My personal contacts and community profile is unique and I would hope to bring a constructive, non-confrontational, long-term perspective to these discussions.

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?

My primary income is earned from seasonal work at Monastery Greetings, Inc. This demands many overtime hours during the fourth quarter of each year, basically ending on December 24th, but the precise start and stop times on any given day are very flexible.

Also, I don't have my own car but I have lived fruitfully and actively in this neighborhood without one for over ten years.

State any additional information you would like to have considered.


I would consider it a great honor to serve on Cleveland Heights City Council, even if only for a limited time/ partial term. This is my home and I wish to stay here. Also, for what it's worth, I've talked several times with Council Member Mary Dunbar about various local concerns.

Would you like to upload a Resume?

Yes

Resume or CV Upload (5 MB Limit)

[Profile.pdf \(65k\)](#)

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Top Skills

Social Media
Public Speaking
Customer Service

Languages

Modern Hebrew (Elementary)
Modern Mandarin Chinese (Elementary)
Spanish (Professional Working)

Peter M Petretich

Voting Location Deputy at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections
Cleveland, Ohio

Summary

<http://about.me/PeterMichaelPetretich>

"Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita mi ritrovai per una selva oscura, ché la diritta via era smarrita..." --The Inferno (Canto 1)

Experience

The Musical Arts Association DBA The Cleveland Orchestra
Volunteer and Donor
January 2003 - Present
Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<http://www.clevelandorchestra.com/>

Cuyahoga County Board of Elections
Voting Location Deputy
March 2013 - Present
2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115-2415

We work the polls on Election Day and help voters to ensure the election process is handled in an orderly, professional, and lawful manner.

The American Legion
Volunteer and Donor
2010 - Present
United States

<https://www.legion.org/>

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans.

<https://www.legion.org/>

Gary Sinise Foundation
Volunteer and Donor
2011 - Present
Worldwide

At the Gary Sinise Foundation, we serve our nation by honoring our defenders, veterans, first responders, their families, and those in need.

We do this by creating and supporting unique programs designed to entertain, educate, inspire, strengthen, and build communities.

"Freedom and security are precious gifts that we, as Americans, should never take for granted. We must do all we can to extend our hand in times of need to those who willingly sacrifice each day to provide that freedom and security. While we can never do enough to show gratitude to our nation's defenders, we can always do a little more." -- Gary Sinise

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
Volunteer and Donor
2010 - Present
Worldwide

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA was created by Pope Saint John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children.

The "Archdiocese where the sun is always rising."

Great Lakes Brewing Company
Virtual Bartender
October 2010 - Present
Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<https://www.greatlakesbrewing.com>

Mac's Backs Paperbacks
Diplomatist
January 1991 - Present
Cleveland Heights, Ohio, USA

<http://www.macsbacks.com/>

U.S. Department of the Treasury/ IRS
Diplomatist

January 2014 - March 2014 (3 months)

AJC Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<http://www.irs.gov/>

U.S. Department of Defense/ DFAS
Diplomatist

October 2012 - January 2013 (4 months)

AJC Federal Building, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<http://www.dfas.mil/>

Tommy's
Diplomatist

2011 - 2012 (2 years)

Cleveland/Akron, Ohio Area

<http://tommyscoventry.com/>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs/ VHA
Diplomatist

January 2009 - April 2010 (1 year 4 months)

Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<http://www.cleveland.va.gov/>

Served during and contributed to the historic Wade Park expansion and consolidation project.

Gilmour Academy

Diplomatist

August 2001 - May 2007 (5 years 10 months)

Gates Mills, Ohio, USA

<http://www.gilmour.org/>

Served during and contributed to the historic "Faith in Our Future" development campaign.

WRUW FM 91.1 Cleveland

Diplomatist

February 2004 - June 2005 (1 year 5 months)

Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<http://www.wruw.org/>

WRUW 91.1 FM is the campus radio station of Case Western Reserve University, located in the University Circle section of Cleveland, Ohio. WRUW is a non-profit, commercial free, all volunteer staffed radio station. WRUW operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. Although WRUW is the student radio station of Case, numerous community volunteers and alumni are involved, giving WRUW a continuity not found in most college radio stations.

Cleveland Museum of Art

Diplomatist

March 1989 - June 1992 (3 years 4 months)

Cleveland, Ohio, USA

<http://www.clevelandart.org/>

Served during and contributed to the historic CMA 75th anniversary events.

Education

Pontifical College Josephinum

Bachelor's Degree, Philosophy and Religious Studies · (1996 - 2000)

Cleveland Heights High School

Diploma, Journalism · (1984 - 1989)