

OVER THE RHINE

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

2015 – 2017 OTRCC Board of Trustees Nomination Form

Your name: Anthony Bradford

The OTRCC Board of Trustees provides leadership to the community council; plans OTRCC meetings and events; attends to OTRCC business between meetings; assures that finances are managed appropriately; works with the City of Cincinnati, OTR organizations and other community councils; and other organizations as needed or required. Trustees may represent the OTRCC to the public

Trustees are elected for a two-year term. The board of trustees elects the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer from their members. Trustees are expected to attend all board and community council meetings and manage and/or volunteer for OTRCC projects. All trustees are expected to be familiar with the by-laws and hold each other accountable to fulfill their duties and responsibilities. Unexcused absences result in removal from office (By-Laws IV-7).

What gifts/skills will you bring to the board of trustees?

- > Originally from Louisville, KY; I have been a Cincinnati West-Side Resident for 13 years. An OTR resident and building owner since 2017.
- > Helped manage many community engagement events within the Louisville Area for many years. Managed and supported many events that helped low income residents with receiving daily essential items (Food, Clothing, After-school programs for the community youth etc.)
- > Resided in an urban area within the Louisville West-End community my entire life before relocating to Cincinnati to attend Mount St Joseph University.
- > Participated in business and community development opportunities for the Price Hill neighborhood. Assisted the YMCA with tutoring efforts for youth in the lower Price Hill community.
- > Background with assisting small businesses improve operations to increase profitability.
- > Passion for improving urban areas to provide a quality living experience for all residence.

What are some things that you would like to work on and to see happen during your term as a trustee?

- > I'd like to assist the OTRCC with continuing to make OTR attractive for small business owners. The more businesses we have within the community, the more opportunity for employment for residents. Lack of employment opportunity within the community has a direct impact on crime. Its been proven that urban communities that lack job opportunity will experience an increase in crime. Attracting and retaining businesses in OTR will help provide employment opportunities for the residents.
- > I've read many concerns from residents regarding gentrification efforts and lack of affordable housing. I believe its vital to find a happy medium for both Urban Development and Affordable housing options within the community. Residents whom have resided in OTR for several years should have options to stay in the community; its also equally important to clean up abandon buildings to provide a quality living experience for all residents and business owners. I understand this is not an easy task, but I believe my diverse background will help identify the happy medium needed for this mission.

Your contact information:

Address: 436 Klotter Ave #908 Yes, I'm an OTR Resident OTR resident? (circle one) **Y** **N**

Telephone number: 502-718-1440 Number of years OTRCC member: _____

Please complete and email this page to otrcboard@googlegroups.com by **February 31, 2016**.

Thank you for your interest in the OTRCC Board of Trustees.

**By-Laws of the Over-the-Rhine Community Councils, Inc.
Amended and Approved July 30, 2012**

Article IV. Board of Trustees

Article IV-1. The thirteen trustees of the community council shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and nine at-large trustees. These officers and trustees shall form the board of trustees and perform the duties prescribed in these by-laws.

Article IV-2. The board of trustees will conduct emergency business of the community council between meetings of the members. A quorum shall consist of seven trustees in attendance at any meeting.

Article IV-3. The membership, by majority vote, may grant additional decision-making power to the board of trustees or revoke any decision-making power from the board of trustees.

Article IV-4. All actions taken by the board of trustees will be submitted to the membership for ratification no later than the next regular member meeting.

Article IV-5. No member may hold more than one office at the same time. Effective April 25, 2011, no member may serve more than three consecutive terms as a trustee.

Article IV-6. The board of trustees will, at all times, be subject to the decisions of the membership and none of the board's actions shall conflict with any actions taken by the membership.

Article IV-7. Trustees shall attend all board meetings. Unexcused absences from four board meetings per two-year term will result in removal from office.

Article IV-8. Any five members may petition to have any officer or trustee recalled for cause. Once the secretary receives written notice listing the grievances, written notice shall be given to the membership at least fourteen days prior to the next regular meeting, and the recall petition shall become the first order of business at that regular meeting. Members may recall a sitting officer by a two-thirds majority vote, after due deliberation, at the next regular meeting.