

OTRCC Board of Trustees Nomination Form

Name: John Wulsin

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

I will bring to the OTRCC a relentless curiosity and love of listening. I want to hear people's stories and understand what they want. My wife is from Mexico and we love living in Over-the-Rhine because of its diversity. We love the friends our son makes at Grant Park. We want to ensure that the people who have lived here the longest have the ability to stay in their homes. I believe the success of the neighborhood relies on a diversity of ages, races, and uses. Unlike purely residential neighborhoods, Over-the-Rhine has many business and organizations that employ many people. These businesses and organizations are vital to the community and we must consider how to support them in addition to efforts to support the residential aspects of our neighborhood. My background in business development will help as we push for the right mixture of businesses and employment opportunities for our residents.

As a resident of OTR with my wife, 2-year-old son and soon-to-be-born daughter, I'm committed to ensuring the neighborhood grows and supports its diversity of residents. My background in marketing and technology will help the OTRCC in managing its website and email communications, as well as ensuring we are leveraging tools to communicate with our constituents of the community.

As somebody who renovated a shell (through OTR Adopt), I know the numerous steps and challenges that have to be overcome to bring an abandoned property back to use. I know it isn't easy but it can be done, and I won't tolerate cheap excuses from property owners who say they can't maintain their vacant buildings.

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

I believe that basic services like trash/litter pickup are extremely important. Several times each week I go on "litter patrol", picking up trash along E Clifton, McMicken, and Vine St. The majority of the problems arise in front of vacant buildings. I would like to lead an effort to push the City to increase enforcement on owners of vacant/blighted properties. If the current owners aren't willing to maintain their properties, they should be penalized severely and/or pushed to sell their properties.

Parking is a real challenge that I'm committed to solving, and doing so without letting the neighborhood become defined as a "car-first" neighborhood. I'm also very passionate about making the streets feel safe for pedestrians, which means slowing traffic. Over-the-Rhine will be a more sustainable neighborhood if the streets and sidewalks prioritize *people before cars*. Simple interventions like curb bumpouts can make a large impact on slowing cars and making the streets more inviting to pedestrians. The Liberty Street road diet is extremely important but it's only 1 street in the neighborhood that needs to be addressed. For example, the intersection at McMicken and Vine is extremely hostile to pedestrians.

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