

What attributes make me the best candidate for your District 1 Commissioner?

Hello, I am Julie Fisk, candidate for Clintonville District 1 Area Commissioner.

I received a Master's in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and enjoyed a career in brand management, marketing and client services for Fortune 500 companies. Now, I run my own small business as a massage therapist at Natural State Bodywork, located above Cup O Joe coffeehouse. My business experience has helped me quickly assess situations and challenges with a solution-oriented approach. I am well-suited to understand processes, while maintaining an open mind for collaboration and creative resolutions. I am an active member of the Clintonville Area Business Association.

I have been in Clintonville since 2003 – my first home and current home are both in the District 1 borders. As a homeowner, I have navigated many of the processes with the City of Columbus Zoning and Planning offices and have completed my real estate coursework with Hondros College (I have not yet taken the licensure exam). I believe this experience can provide a lens to help neighbors navigate the process and to review and contribute to proposals for new initiatives.

Most importantly, I love Clintonville! I am active in our community and can often be found supporting our local businesses or walking, biking and enjoying our streets and parks. This month you will find me volunteering at Crestfest, hanging out on one of our High Street patios and enjoying the nearby Wonderbus music festival.

I believe that my experience as a homeowner, business owner and enthusiast of South Clintonville businesses, parks and walkways provide a strong background to serve as your District 1 Commissioner. Join me at Cup O Joe on Friday mornings or look for me with my goldendoodles, Riley and Bear, as we walk the neighborhood. We would love to hear your concerns and ideas!

What major problems would I like to address if elected?

As your **Clintonville District 1 Area Commissioner, I, Julie Fisk**, commit to working with my neighboring residents and businesses to prioritize concerns and opportunities.

Neighborhood safety is a top priority for me. This summer, I hosted my neighbors to exchange information and discuss safety in our block and beyond. This led to broader discussions to revitalize a neighborhood block watch. I look forward to collaborating with each other and our Columbus Police liaison to help us all feel safer and more secure in our homes and streets.

Creating a safe neighborhood for work and play also means having the right infrastructure in place. Our recent conversations with the Planning Committee emphasized pedestrian and biking safety opportunities along the High Street corridor and the Indianola Avenue extension beyond Morse Road. Safety could mean anything from traffic calming to sidewalks and crossings to lighting, as examples.

Related, I am keen to help Clintonville participate in the Columbus' City Zone In initiatives in the ways that best serve our community, aiding resident' access to resources, such as housing opportunities and friendly public and pedestrian transportation options, while maintaining a balance of businesses and greenspace (land, trees and skyline) to enjoy.

A final passion interest of mine would add South Clintonville to the many Special Interest Districts created in partnership with the City of Columbus; District 1 is an opportune area. We are a funky and fun part of Clintonville; I would be honored to help our neighborhood showcase this personality and further develop our footprint, unique from the Old North and University Districts, and complimentary to all we love about Clintonville.

I look forward to working with my neighbors to help keep District 1 a safe place to live and enjoy!

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