

Questionnaire for Nomination to the Tremont West Development Corporation Board of Directors

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1. **Please describe your involvement with the Tremont West Development Corporation or other Tremont clubs and activities during the last 5 years:**

I am a member of the South of Jefferson Block Club and co-chair of the Tremont History Project, a community group under TWDC. We work to capture and celebrate the rich and storied history of our neighborhood, its people, places, and institutions, with the understanding that any plans for our future require knowledge of our past. I've dedicated the bulk of my volunteerism efforts to the Tremont History Project because it builds community and helps people feel more connected to the neighborhood.

I also volunteer for many Tremont-West events, including the Farmers Market, Walkabout, and the Arts and Cultural Festival.

- 2: **Please describe any involvement that you have had with charitable organizations during the last 5 years:**

I am a firm believer in that "to whom much is given, much is required." I am always looking for ways to give back. From keeping the grounds at my church, to picking up litter wherever I see it, I am grateful for every opportunity to make a difference.

One way that I give back is through my writing. I work with various non-profit newsrooms to cover stories that are often overlooked by traditional mainstream media outlets. I recently wrote an article about "Creation Care," a collaboration of Near Westside churches that have developed an environmental ministry. The group is now holding an event in Tremont this June!

- 3: **Please describe any other memberships on boards or committees that you have had during the last 5 years (such as non-profit organizations, professional associations or city or county government):**

I am a part of the Cleveland VOTES Democracy Collective, an incubator program that works to promote equitable civic engagement. I am also actively engaged with the Young Latino Network and serve on the planning committee for a variety of organizations and events including Data Days CLE, Cleveland History Days, and River Sweep.

4: Please select and describe the skills and areas of expertise that you would bring to the Board of Directors of the Tremont West Development Corporation.:

- Arts / Crafts / Trades
- Community Outreach
- Community Representation
- Construction
- X Finance
- Fundraising
- Governance
- Legal
- Mechanical
- X Real Estate
- Sales / Marketing
- Technology
- X Writing / Documentation
- Other:

My professional background has mostly been related to banking and accounting in some way. I spent several years as a bookkeeper for the Clerk of Courts. My time with the city began as a City Planning Commission intern. I have a working knowledge of government finance and recently became a licensed real estate salesperson.

5: Please state why you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Tremont West Development Corporation:

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors because I am deeply rooted in Tremont and genuinely passionate about community engagement. I hope that by serving, I can more actively participate in contributing to our collective growth and success.

I believe in the mission of Tremont-West, to “create an inclusive community and build a unified neighborhood.” I am committed to carrying out the mission with other dedicated community members, because the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Membership on the TWDC Board of Directors requires a substantial commitment of time and energy. Members of the Board typically serve on one or more committees, which meet monthly, as well as the Board of Directors meeting, which also meets monthly. Typically, Board Members spend between 5 -10 hours per month on TWDC matters. Please indicate the number of hours per month that you will be available as a member of the Board of Directors:

I am available for however many hours are needed.

Please send this application, along with a current résumé and a short (not more than 75 words) statement that contains the information you most wish voters to consider to: twdcboard@gmail.com

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Summary of Qualifications

Dependable administrative professional possessing excellent organizational and interpersonal skills. Experienced in office management, accounting support, research, and governmental relations utilizing diplomacy and professionalism.

Experience

La Villa Communications Co. (Present)

Editor-Publisher

Crafts and refines literary projects and articles on current events, providing informative content for publication geared towards Cleveland's underreported communities.

First Federal Savings of Lorain (9/21-3/22)

Teller

Provided account services to patrons and promoted bank products and services while building relationships, trust, customer loyalty, and satisfaction.

Cleveland Municipal Clerk of Courts (8/17-4/19)

Chief Deputy Clerk – Finance

Administered financial ledgers for various court divisions, disbursed funds, managed civil and criminal case dockets and assisted citizens from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Cleveland City Planning Commission (Summer 2016)

Urban Planning, Design and Infrastructure Intern

Collaborated amongst municipal departments to provide general planning support, data collection, research, and graphic communications to district planners in order to facilitate public meetings and achieve policy objectives.

Cleveland State University (8/15-12/16)

Office Assistant

Performed clerical tasks, scheduled appointments, maintained confidential files, and operated telephone switchboard.

National Automotive Experts (10/10-10/13)

Contract Processing Specialist

Processed accounts payable and receivable, created invoices and accounting reports, and resolved delinquent remittances.

Education

Cleveland State University – Cleveland, Ohio (2013-2016)

Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies – Completed 84 credit hours