

Declaration of Candidacy for the Tremont West Development Corporation Board of Directors

Name: Aireonna McCall-Dube

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

Over the past five years, my involvement in the Tremont community has been both personal and professional. While I officially moved to Tremont in 2024, I have been actively engaged with Tremont West Development Corporation since 2023 through my participation in RiverSweep. Prior to relocating, I was already a regular attendee and supporter of Tremont’s events, including art walks, markets, and neighborhood gatherings, which helped me build connections within the community. Since moving to the neighborhood, my involvement has continued to grow. In addition to my creative work based at 78th Street Studios, I serve as the Community Manager for SCA in Tremont, supporting over 400 residential tenants and commercial businesses. This role provides me with a unique, day-to-day perspective on the needs of the neighborhood, from communication and programming to fostering a sense of connection among residents and business owners. As a small business owner and creative, I also contribute to the broader local arts ecosystem by supporting exhibitions, events, and opportunities for emerging and established artists. My work is rooted in community engagement, and I value being part of a neighborhood that prioritizes creativity, collaboration, and connection.

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

Over the past five years, I’ve stayed consistently involved with a number of local organizations, including Cleveland APL, LGBTQ+ initiatives, Re:Source Cleveland, The City Mission, Haven Home, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Canalway-RiverSweep, and Julie Billiard School, among others. Giving back is something I naturally build into both my work and daily life. I regularly organize service opportunities for residents, host donation-based photo sessions, open up space for nonprofits to gather or host programming, and put together drives and community events that make it easy for people to show up and contribute. For me, it’s about creating simple, approachable ways for people to get involved and feel connected – while supporting organizations that are doing meaningful, on-the-ground work in our community.

- 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):

While I haven’t formally served on a board or committee in the past five years, my work has consistently placed me in spaces where I’m collaborating, organizing, and advocating for others. Through my role as a Community Manager and as a business owner, I’m regularly bringing people together, listening to concerns, and helping turn ideas into tangible experiences and resources for the community. Stepping into a formal board position feels like a natural next step. It’s an opportunity to take the hands-on, grassroots

work I'm already doing and apply it in a more structured, impactful way. This position means a great deal to me because I care deeply about the future of this community – I live here, I work here, and I'm invested in seeing it grow in a way that feels inclusive, thoughtful, and supportive of the people who make it what it is.

I'm excited by the opportunity to contribute, learn, and be part of shaping something bigger than myself.

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

I bring a combination of creative, operational, and community-centered experience that I believe would be a strong asset to the Board. As a self-taught photographer and co-owner of Extraordinaire Photos + EP Events, I've built a business rooted in storytelling, branding, and creating meaningful experiences – skills that translate directly into how organizations communicate, engage, and grow their audience. Professionally, my role as Community Manager with SCA has given me hands-on experience supporting over 400 residents and local businesses. I'm constantly navigating communication, problem-solving, event planning, and relationship-building at scale, while staying attuned to the day-to-day needs of a diverse community. That perspective allows me to approach decisions with both empathy and practicality. I also bring strong experience in event coordination, logistics, and programming, from organizing community service initiatives to producing events that bring people together in thoughtful, engaging ways. I understand how to activate spaces, support small businesses and artists, and create opportunities that feel accessible and inclusive. Beyond technical skills, I'm someone who shows up consistently, listens closely, and cares deeply about the work. I'm invested in Tremont not just professionally, but personally – and I would bring a grounded, collaborative, and forward-thinking perspective to the Board.

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

I'm interested in serving on the Board because Tremont is not just where I live – it's a community I'm actively engaged in every day. In my role as Community Manager with SCA, I work closely with residents and local businesses, which gives me a clear, day-to-day understanding of the neighborhood's needs, challenges, and opportunities. I care deeply about how Tremont continues to grow, and I want to be part of ensuring that growth is thoughtful, inclusive, and grounded in the people who make this community what it is. I'm especially passionate about strengthening connections between residents, small businesses, and community resources. Serving on the Board feels like a natural next step for me – a way to take the work I'm already doing and contribute on a broader level. I'm eager to be part of the conversation, to listen and collaborate, and to help support a future for Tremont that feels connected, accessible, and community-driven.

- 6: 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, the number of hours per month that you will be available as a member of the Board of Directors: **8**
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