

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

Name: Alison Guerin

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

**I have been the Public Services Manager of the Cleveland Public Library (CPL) Jefferson Campus since January of 2026 but have worked at the library for the past eleven years in a variety of positions. I currently supervise staff and manage the daily operations of the branch. This includes overseeing the development and maintenance of the collection, planning and conducting programming, collaborating with community partners, schools, and stakeholders, and providing essential library services to adults and youth. I have worked with Tremont West to market our programming in their newsletter and will lead the branch in participating in Tremont Walkabout, the Farmer's Market, Tremont Garden Walk and other outreach activities. From 2016-2019 I also worked at Prosperity Social Club concurrently with the library.**

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

**I am currently the Chair of the Harvest for Hunger Committee at Cleveland Public Library. We hold various fundraisers throughout the year to benefit the Greater Cleveland Food Bank (GCFB), focusing on staff engagement. Fundraising efforts that have I have coordinated include a food and funds drive during the Harvest for Hunger campaign, karaoke and trivia nights, and a apparel sale. We also arrange and participate in volunteer opportunities at GCFB for library staff.**

- 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 currently on the board for Trash Fish Cleveland, an organization that protects and improves the environmental health of waterways and surrounding ecosystems through the removal of litter, plastic pollution, and other debris. We also provide environmental education and outreach to the public through activities that increase awareness of pollution prevention, protection of local water sources, and the impacts of waste and plastics on ecosystems and local communities.**

**As mentioned above, I am Chair of the Harvest for Hunger committee at Cleveland Public Library. I am a member of the American Library Association, the Public Library Association, the Ohio Library Council, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System.**

- 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 have 11+ years of experience in public libraries and ten years of service industry experience in the greater Cleveland area. I also hold a Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences. With this background, I specialize in customer service and communication, and pride myself on ability to connect with and provide empathic**

service to a diverse population. I am a skilled researcher, detailed orientated, and am adept at teaching digital literacy. I have extensive experience in community engagement and outreach for both adults and youth; initiating, planning, promoting, and running unique programming that caters to the specific needs of the community. I have created content and helped run various social media platforms and managed budgets while acquiring material for the library extensive collections. I have executed and overseen various fundraising activities that have been pivotal in raising thousands of dollars for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

- 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 Tremont West Development Corporation board to help preserve and uplift the unique neighborhood of Tremont and all its residents. I love its historic charm, walkability and proximity to the Towpath, the vibrant arts and culture presence, the exceptional bars, restaurants, coffee shops, and of course, the diverse community. I believe that the mission and values of Cleveland Public Library and Tremont West closely mirror each other, and that my years of commitment to CPL and my advancement in the organization prove my dedication to public service. Using my tenured skills as a library worker, I feel I am uniquely positioned to help provide resources to increase community engagement, address and overcome community deficits, and engage the Tremont community through compelling outreach opportunities.**

- 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: **10 hours**