

DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS COUNCIL
2021 SLATE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES
APPROVED BY THE DRC BOARD, March 8, 2021

CANDIDATES FOR A 2-YEAR TERM ELECTION TO THE DRC BOARD
OF TRUSTEES, 4/14/21 TO 4/11/23

Andrew Naab

A Cincinnati-native, Andrew serves as the Manager of Real Estate & Ambulatory Facilities for Bon Secours Mercy Health. Most recently, he was the Director of Commercial Development for The Loring Group. In his role, Andrew led the \$150M redevelopment and revitalization of the Historic West Fourth District in Cincinnati's Central Business District. This resulted in the renovation of nearly 250 market-rate apartments, as well as the placement of over 12 new businesses in this 3.5 block stretch. Further, Andrew led the creation and formal establishment of the Historic West Fourth District identity and brand. This formation process included over 25 different stakeholder meetings with area property owners, business operators, residents, and key parties such as the Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), the Cincinnati USA Chamber of Commerce, and the Cincinnati Bengals. This identity and brand was officially unveiled to the public on October 4, 2019, at which time, Mayor John Cranley proclaimed October 4th as "Historic West Fourth Day" in the City of Cincinnati. Prior to his role with The Loring Group, Andrew oversaw retail and development efforts for Downtown Cincinnati Inc., and was an economic development officer with the City of Cincinnati's Department of Community and Economic Development.

Andrew is a 2016 graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where he studied political science and economics, with a concentration in urban planning. A resident of Over-the-Rhine for four years, Andrew is an avid traveler, enjoys being active within the community, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Central Parkway YMCA and advises several student organizations at UC. He and his girlfriend Jessica have purposefully made the urban core their home, as they have found a sense of community here. It is Andrew's hope that the Central Business District will continue to flourish, and will be viewed as one of Cincinnati's 52 neighborhoods, not simply that of a place where people go to work.

Joan Meyer

I would like to serve on the Board of the Downtown Residents Council because I love living downtown and want to contribute as much as I can to keeping the 45202 zip code vibrant, diverse and continually improving. The downtown/OTR/Pendleton/West End

areas contribute so much to being the Go To places in Cincinnati. All the neighborhoods of Cincinnati are important, but these are the face of Cincinnati.

I have lived in Cincinnati for almost 35 years and have always loved downtown. Staying in the Westin when I interviewed with P&G was a thrill, and the downtown played a role in my decision to move my family from Illinois to Cincinnati to work at P&G. I worked at P&G in the Research and Development area (I am a scientist), in Beauty Care and primarily Health Care areas. Whenever I hosted dinners or events, I tried to have them downtown, even back in the 1980s and 1990s, when there was not much going on and many people were afraid to come downtown.

After P&G, I worked at Kendle in the Carew Tower and finally learned the order of the streets running North/South. I loved working downtown—it is definitely a different culture and vibe than the suburbs. I finally moved downtown in 2019, to The Reserve apartments (best rooftop deck ever), and loved it so much, I bought a condo in The Gibson Lofts on Walnut in 2020. I love the location and walk or take the streetcar everywhere.

I have served on Boards in the past, including 15 years and service as past Chair of the Board of the Ohio River Valley Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, the University of Cincinnati Orthopaedic Research and Education Board, and served as the Industry Representative on the global Orthopaedic Research Society Board. I understand the importance of relationships to get things done and to think strategically. My decades working as a Project Leader in the clinical development space has taught me how to manage diverse teams and evaluate options to reach the best solution.

The pandemic has thrown a curveball to the momentum of the renaissance of the downtown area, but in true Cincinnati fashion, it has only slowed but did not stop the wonderful work happening here. I am excited to continue to be a part of this and would love to take a more active role as a member of the DRC Board.

Lorry Hartley

I am very interested in becoming a Board Member of the DRC. I have only been in Cincinnati for a short time, but I am very impressed with the DRC.

I came to Cincinnati almost 3 years ago and decided to live in the downtown business district. This was the best decision I could have made. The first couple of months were quite lonely until I met Jan Hirlinger who suggested that I attend my first DRC meeting and Social. I was hooked immediately. Everyone was so welcoming, the meeting was extremely informative and best of all, short. The social afterwards was a wonderful way to meet new people and start to feel that this was truly going to be my new home.

I have been on the Board of several organizations in El Paso, Texas including Bnai Zion Synagogue, El Paso Wind Symphony (as President), Radford School, Morehead Band Boosters and Coronado Band Boosters

I am very proud to be a resident of this great city and would love to be a part of this wonderful organization.

Heidi Shenk

My husband and I moved to Cincinnati from Cleveland at the end of May 2020 as newly empty nesters. Although I am new to Cincinnati, I have had a life-long connection to the city since I grew up in northwestern Ohio with a father who cheered on his beloved Reds in person, as often as possible. My oldest brother attended Xavier University and then never left Cincinnati. My sister attended Mount St. Joseph University.

In my adult life, I have had the opportunity to live in a variety of lively cities and small towns in both the U.S. and in Europe, giving me a unique perspective on what seems to make an area grow and prosper. My frequent moves have also taught me to jump in with both feet and to get involved and to be a contributor and not just a bystander. We chose to buy our home in OTR with our Cincinnati move because of its walkability and similarities to the European lifestyle. We love the downtown and OTR neighborhoods and have tried to explore as much as COVID will allow since our arrival. I rapidly became a Cincinnati cheerleader and tend to share my excitement about living here to anyone who will listen.

Jackie Bryson introduced me to DRC and I quickly began to attend meetings. I have been very impressed with the organization and its dedication to the well-being of the city and its residents. As a board member, I would love to continue to do all these things and to encourage other downtown residents to do the same.

I am a physical therapist and healthcare manager by profession and have served on a large variety of fundraising and community organizations in a variety of roles, both professionally and personally. I most recently ran a community supported pro-bono clinic in inner-city Cleveland. This role involved frequent board interactions and placements. I am always willing to step into whatever position necessary to contribute to the organizations that I am involved in.

Tricia Lynn

I joined the DRC in 2015. Appointed to DRC Board in March 2020 to fill a vacated Board of Trustees seat and became Treasurer in April 2020. The appointed seat is now up for election. I am a financial institution auditor and compliance officer. I am currently the Auditor at North Side Bank and Trust Company in Cincinnati.

I previously worked for First Financial Bank as the Compliance Director and at National Bank and Trust Company (now People's Bank) as the SVP Audit and Compliance.

As the Treasurer in 2020, I have learned about the 52 neighborhoods in Cincinnati, the important roles each neighborhood supports, and our downtown neighborhood support programs and invest in neighborhoods. Vitality for us and our surrounding area is what we encourage and support. Important for our DRC neighborhood has been supporting the Downtown Planting, the Library, Activities Beyond the Classroom (ABC), ArtWorks, and GeneroCity513. I feel it is important for us to continue our generous donations and consider other like-minded causes to support.

I enjoy banking and the Treasurer's position is a great fit for me. I am passionate about living in downtown Cincinnati and supporting all the surrounding areas surrounding the downtown. I love living in downtown Cincinnati with the vibrant arts, parks, and dining. Personally, I donate to the arts, the museums, and the theaters.

DRC is about supporting what you love about downtown, enjoying meeting new friends from various neighborhoods surrounding Cincinnati and beyond, and cultivating new friendships!

Soon, we will meet in person and enjoy comradery again!

BOARD TRUSTEES FOR 2-YEAR TERM RENEWALS **4/14/21 TO 4/11/23**

Esther Wing

I am a high energy, dynamic individual with over a decade of experience as an Executive Assistant. I'm a chronic networker who builds relationships and thrives in a beehive of activity. My career path has provided me exposure to multiple business sectors including: marketing; insurance; non-profits; entrepreneurial startups, social services, and reentry advocacy.

I'm from a small town in Texas but I always knew I was a city girl. I love this city. In my daily life, I'm a manager at a local car dealership, and enjoy helping people find the right vehicle. In my spare time, I can be found working at a local boutique benefiting the nonprofit Dress for Success. I currently serve as the board Corresponding Secretary for the Downtown Cincinnati Residents Council. Most recently I have had the opportunity to serve as an Interim Vice President on behalf of DRC. Some of you may recognize me as the person behind the curtain hosting our DRC meetings. I have enjoyed my role with the DRC board and members and hope to continue to serve you all.

Christian Rahe

Thanks for the opportunity to present to membership my interest in maintaining a seat on the DRC board. Since 2018 I have served the DRC membership as a board member, but my term is now expiring. It's been a real pleasure and I believe we've accomplished a lot in this time, so I'm hopeful to remain in that role for a new term. With your support, I'm committed to continue building the organization. As a current or past member of the Membership, Technology and Young Professionals committees, I am very proud of our recent accomplishments and optimistic for the growth that we hope to see Downtown. I also assist in the Sector Meetings as representative for the Central Business District where I report on matters of safety, cleanliness, and environment.

David Ostrander

I have been a long time resident of southwest Ohio with my kids growing up in West Chester and attending Lakota schools. At the suggestion of neighbors, I began attending DCR meetings in 2018 and knew this was an organization for me. Members are outgoing, friendly, and open minded. The ability it gives to stay informed and make a presence in the community is appealing. For three years, being a downtown resident, has confirmed my initial impression of Cincinnati and the DRC.

My two-year term on the board is expiring and would like to continue as part of the Social committee. The partnership that exists with the current Social Chair makes it a wonderful experience and that translates into the success of the monthly socials! Play to your strengths!

Mary Heimert

I am a native of Cincinnati (Seton High School) which means I might be called a "West Sider". Corporate life meant spending many, many years living across the country until I returned to Cincinnati some 10 years ago. I first moved into the Banks, where I learned about the Downtown Residents Council and became a member. A few years later, I joined the DRC Board and subsequently became the Social Chair, a fancy term meaning I arrange the monthly socials that now seem like a distant memory! But I do know that being a part of DRC means that I can not only make new friends and contacts, but learn an invaluable amount about our Downtown community, whether it's participating in decorating Piatt Park every December or trying out the latest brewery opening.

My first three-year term as Social Chair is coming to a conclusion and I would like to continue in that capacity for my optional second term. Organizing events that allow our members to get together socially while at the same time highlighting great downtown bars, restaurants and businesses is a win-win for all of us.

Lisa Sprague

Lisa Sprague is a Cincinnati native who grew up in Terrace Park and graduated from Mariemont High School. She spent the bulk of her career working on health care policy in Washington, D.C., mostly on the staff of The George Washington University. She returned to Cincinnati in 2016 – not the most common retirement destination, but always in her plan. Lisa holds a degree in English from Wellesley and an MBA from the University of Cincinnati. She has served on the board of the Downtown Residents Council since 2018, acting as Recording Secretary since 2019. She is also a docent at the Taft Museum of Art. Lisa loves walking, reading, and living downtown.

Victoria Perchick

Victoria Pershick has been a member of the Downtown Residents Council since 2015 and is the Board's current IT Chair. In this role she's managed updates to our inforCITYmational website (ilivedowntown.com), set up membership procedures in our relatively new Wild Apricot system, and helped troubleshoot processes to keep things running smoothly from a tech perspective. She works as a lead web developer for Merkle, Inc. remotely from downtown Cincinnati. Outside work, her hobbies include reading/movies, running 5Ks, and seeking great espresso from the small coffeeshops around downtown.

Jacklyn (Jackie) Bryson

My involvement in our beautiful city started in 2010, while still living in the suburbs, when my husband and I started volunteering at the Visitor's Center on Fountain Square. Downtown was clearly evolving as the "place to be" and soon Gary and I started thinking about moving into the city. We moved in 2013 and have resided here since. As a member of DRC, I began compiling and publishing the DRC weekly Newsletter in 2015 and continue today. I became a Board member in 2019 and have been very active in many capacities—business membership expansion, nominating Committee member and now Chairperson, bringing Volunteer opportunities for our downtown residents, coordinating the Tour of Downtown Living 2020 with Cincinnati Magazine and various DRC events such as decorating Piatt Park and the Downtown Resident Council for Founders Forest in OTR. I would like to be re-elected to continue supporting the momentum within this organization!

APPOINTED 3/8/21 TO COMPLETE 2ND YEAR OF A TRUSTEE'S UNFINISHED TWO-YEAR TERM, 4/14/21 TO 4/12/22

Kurt Grossman

I worked downtown for over 3 years as a Patent Attorney with Wood, Herron & Evans. My wife and I moved to Park Place @ Lytle in Downtown over a decade ago. I have a Bachelors Degree Cum Laude in Electrical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati (1978) and a Law Degree (JD) with Honors awarded in 1981 from the National Law Center, George Washington University. I also served as Technical Advisor for two years (1981-1983) to Hon. Helen W. Nies on the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. I am on the Boards of various charitable/civic organizations, including serving as Vice President for American Jewish Committee in Cincinnati, founding Board member of the Immigrant and Refugee Law Center, and member of the Steering Committee of the Immigrant Dignity Coalition. I also serve as a reading tutor in the Cincinnati Public Schools and have served as a volunteer tutor at Scholar House. Additionally, I am a lifetime member of the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association in Cincinnati.

Downtown is the heart of Cincinnati, and I believe that DRC plays an important role in continuing to grow the community. In that regard, I have been an active member, and regular attendee, at DRC meetings for several years. Past Boards and officers have done an amazing job on our behalf, and I hope to continue the strong efforts necessary to make the downtown core "the place to be" for our collective benefit.

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