



**Columbus South Side Area Commission
(CSSAC)**

District Commissioner Seat

ELECTION PROCESS PACKET

2020

The Columbus South Side Area Commission (CSSAC) serves in an advisory capacity to Columbus City Council. The CSSAC meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Columbus Public Library at 1113 Parsons Avenue. Our meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and end by 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of this Commission is to afford additional voluntary citizen participation in decision making in an advisory capacity to the City Administration and City Council as provided in C.C. Section 3109.01; and to facilitate communication, understanding, and cooperation among citizens, neighborhood groups, city officials and staff, and other stakeholders by performing those functions and duties set forth in C.C. Section 3109.14

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District Commissioner
2020 ELECTION PETITION**

Please read this entire Election Packet carefully! A Packet with missing information will be automatically disqualified! Once submitted, Packets become the property of the Columbus South Side Area Commission (CSSAC).

2020 Election Committee Chair (ECC) – Paula J. Copeland (614) 222-2145

District8@columbussouthside.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 5, 2020 Packet Available by Email

The 2020 Election Packet will be emailed to the Commissioner seats running in 2020. Packets will also be available at the Parsons Branch of the Public Library at Columbus, OH 43207, on the CSSAC website and the CSSAC Facebook page.

October 26, 2020 Packet Due

Deadline to email the completed Election Packet to the Election Chair is by 7 pm on October 26, 2020.

Submit all pages of packet.

October 26, 2020 Verification of Packet

Verification of Packet by CSSAC Election Committee.

October 27, 2020 Candidates Notified

Candidates notified by CSSAC Election Committee.

October 27 – November 14, 2020 Campaign Period

Campaign starts for all Candidates certified by 2020 CSSAC Election Committee.
(Please review Campaign Procedures and Dates)

November 14, 2020 CSSAC District Commissioner ELECTION DAY

2020 ELECTION DAY – Three (3) District Commissioners

Voting location for all Districts: Barack Recreation Center at 580 East Woodrow Ave.

Voting time: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

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The Columbus South Side Area Commissioner Election is held annually to fill open seat position(s) on the Columbus South Side Area Commission (CSSAC).

Any prospective Candidate (renter or homeowner) must live at least six (6) months prior to his or her nomination and election within the CSSAC District and be at least 18 years of age.

Any Petitioner(s) should be aware that a Commissioner is required to attend all official Commission meetings.

A potential candidate(s) must complete an Election Petition (Petition), which must be certified as complete and correct by 2020 CSSAC Election Committee. The packet will be available October 5, 2020, at the Parsons Branch of the Public Library at Columbus, OH 43207, on the CSSAC website and the CSSAC Facebook page. **The Packet must be turned in by 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2020.** All pertinent information, including the CSSAC Boundaries, are included in this Election Process packet.

The 2020 Election for District Commissioner will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Barack Recreation Center, 580 East Woodrow Avenue.

Any Candidate has up to seven (7) days to file a written "Request to Challenge the Election". Election Challenges must be presented to the Election Committee by 5:00 p.m. on the 7th day (11/21/2020) following the 2020 Election for District Commissioner.

If you have questions and/or concerns relative to this Election Process packet, call/email Election Committee Chair Paula J. Copeland, (614)222-2145 email-district8@columbussouthside.org

2020 Expiring Commission Seats District & Boundaries

There are three (3) expiring CSSAC Commission seats this year 2020.

DISTRICT 1: Schumacher Place

DISTRICT 6: Vassor Village

DISTRICT 9: Reeb Hosack

District Boundary Descriptions for 2020 CSSAC Elections:

District 1

Boundary Description:

Starting at the Northeast corner of E. Whittier Street and Jaeger Street; Proceeding North on Jaeger Street (east of the street centerline) to Kossuth Street; Proceeding East on Kossuth Street to S. Grant Avenue; Proceeding North on S. Grant Avenue to E. Sycamore Street; Proceeding East on E. Sycamore Street to Brust Street; Proceeding North on Brust Street to E. Beck Street; Proceeding East on E. Beck Street to Lathrop Street; Proceeding North on Lathrop Street to E. Livingston Avenue; Proceeding East on E. Livingston Avenue (south of the street centerline) to Parsons Avenue; Proceeding South on Parsons Avenue (west of the street centerline) to E. Whittier Street; Proceeding West on E. Whittier Street (north of the street centerline) to Jaeger Street.

Association in district: Schumacher Place Civic Association

District 6

Boundary Description:

Starting at the Northeast corner of Woodrow Avenue and Parsons Avenue; Proceeding North on Parsons Avenue (east of the street centerline) to Frebis Avenue; Proceeding East on Frebis Avenue (south of the street centerline) to the unnamed alley between S. Champion Avenue and Oakwood Avenue; Proceeding South on the unnamed alley between S. Champion Avenue and Oakwood Avenue (east of the alley centerline) to the extended imaginary centerline of the unnamed alley south of Woodrow Avenue; Proceeding West on the extended imaginary centerline of the unnamed alley south of Woodrow Avenue (north of the alley centerline) to Parsons Avenue.

Association in district: Vassor Village Civic Association

District 9**Boundary Description:**

Starting at the Northeast corner of High Street and State Route 104; Proceeding North on High Street (east of the street centerline) to Woodrow Avenue excluding all parcels with Woodrow Avenue addresses; Proceeding East on Woodrow Avenue excluding all parcels with Woodrow Avenue addresses; Proceeding South on Parsons Avenue (west of the street centerline) to State Route 104; Proceeding West on State Route 104 (north of the street centerline) to High Street.

Association in district: Reeb-Hosack/Steelton Village Association

Columbus South Side Area Commission Qualifications & Procedures

Candidate Qualifications:

1. Each candidate shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
2. Each candidate must be a resident of the Columbus South Side Area Commission's District at least six (6) months prior to his or her nomination and election within the CSSAC District for which he or she seeks to be elected at the time he or she commences circulating a Nominating Petition.
3. Each candidate who wishes to appear on the Voter Ballot must file a Nominating Petition, completed pursuant to the requirements set forth below for candidacy with the Election Committee.
4. Candidates in this non-partisan election shall not declare any political party affiliation.
5. Candidates must be registered voters on the rolls of the Franklin County Elections Board.
6. Write - in candidates will not be counted.

Voter Qualifications:

1. Each voter must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. Identification may be required to verify age.
2. Each voter must be a resident within the voting District upon election date, of the year in which the resident seeks to cast a vote. Identification shall be required to verify place of residence.
3. Each voter need not be registered voter on the rolls of the Franklin County Election Board.
4. Each voter shall vote only upon the ballot pertaining to the election of a candidate in the District in which the voter resides.
5. No voter shall cast more than one (1) ballot.

Campaign Procedures:

1. Campaigning shall be permissible only within the sixteen (16) days immediately preceding the Election Day.
2. There shall be a \$100.00 limit on campaign expenditures. A campaign expense is any appraisable good or service acquired primarily for campaign purposes. Each candidate must file a report of campaign expenditures with the Elections Committee within seven (7) calendar days after the election and candidates failing to meet this requirement shall be disqualified.
3. Campaigning of any kind, including the posting of campaign materials, and not excluding any other activity that would amount to campaigning, within 50 feet of the polling place premises are prohibited. Violation of this rule shall result in the disqualification of the candidate.
4. It is the candidate's responsibility to remove any campaign posters, flyers etc., within forty-eight (48) hours following the Election Day.
5. No campaigning will be allowed inside the voting, and candidates must be at least fifty feet (50) away from the building, if they wish to campaign on the CSSAC Election Day.

Columbus South Side Area Commission District Commissioner Job Description Synopsis

The following is a synopsis of the things that will be asked of you - if you run for a position on, and are appointed to, the Columbus South Side Area Commission. Please be prepared to take on the following responsibilities before you proceed with your application. We prefer people are informed in advance of what their obligation will consist of. Be advised additional responsibilities may come into act during your appointment.

1. Maintaining residency in his/her specified District boundaries, within the South Side boundaries for Appointed Seats.
2. Serving their term for a period of three (3) years.
3. Reading/Reviewing the Bylaws for content (and possible amendments since the previously adopted copy).
4. Monthly attendance, so far as possible, at regular Commission meetings – which are held the 4th Tuesdays of each month (usually excluding August recess, unless a meeting is deemed necessary); along with any other regular or special meetings deemed an official Commission meeting. In addition, those appointed as an Officer to the Executive Committee will meet the Saturday prior to the Commission meeting. Absences from three (3) Consecutive meetings or from a total of four (4) regular meetings in any one calendar year shall be deemed as a resignation, as stated in the Columbus South Side Area Commission Bylaws.
5. Serve on at least one (1) committee per year, which includes attending that committee's meetings.
6. It is desirable, but not required, that Commissioners attend their own Civic Meetings to gather and relay information between organizations (i.e. District Reports).
7. A newly appointed Commissioner may be asked to Chair a committee (depending on their area of expertise) in addition to their regular responsibilities; otherwise Committee Chairs will be chosen from those who have served no less than one (1) year on the Commission.

Please sign and date your acknowledgment and acceptance of these obligations, along with your contact information – and return this sheet with your petition.

1. Name: _____ Date: ___/___/2020
2. Phone: _____
3. Address: _____
4. Email: _____

