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Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

First Name

Bree

Last Name

Easterling

Are you a resident of Cleveland?

Yes

Home Address

City

Cleveland

State

Ohio

Zip Code

44102

Are you over 18 years of age?

Yes

What is your gender identity?

Transgender/nonbinary

What do you consider your race?

black

What do you consider your ethnicity?

African-American

Most recent place of work, job title, and address

Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission - Veterans Service Officer/Community Outreach Coordinator 1849 Prospect Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44115

Selection Criteria

Several of these criteria apply to me due to my intersecting identities of African American ethnicity, trans/nonbinary masculine gender, disabled veteran status, and being directly impacted by police violence. Additionally, a combination of lived experience, trained skillsets and expertise afford me the knowledge and expertise to adequately engage in responses to behavioral and mental health crises, homelessness, and substance use.

Have you been employed as a law enforcement officer during the past five (5) years?

No

Have you ever been employed by the Cleveland Division of Police in any capacity?

No

Have you ever been employed by the Cleveland Department of Public Safety?

No

Do you understand the role of the Commission and the responsibilities of its members?

Yes

Do you acknowledge the potentially significant time commitment expected of each member?

Yes

Do you understand that applications for the Commission are public records, subject to disclosure upon request?

Yes

Do you understand that your social security number may be required to conduct a background check if you are selected as a finalist?

Yes

Do you speak any other languages?

No

Please state your reasons for desiring to serve on the Commission.

My desire to be of service under the Community Police Commission stems from lived experience and frustrations with the criminal legal system regarding subjection to corrupt policing while working as a local Cleveland metro delivery driver. The fear and anxiety felt from those encounters have no place in our society. Corrupt policing is a gateway to the

heinous, unjust and inhumane conditions the prison industrial complex creates and perpetuates, pipelining the capitalization and extortion of cash bail. Furthermore, my intersecting identities of African American ethnicity, trans/nonbinary masculine gender, and disabled veteran status, I possess first-hand experience as well as trained skillset and expertise to engage and implement protocols for responses to behavioral and mental health crises, homelessness and substance use.

Please describe any skills, life experiences, and expertise that would qualify you for an appointment.

The Community Police Commission responsibilities are familiar to me as I have successfully discharged many of those duties in my five years experience in the Armed Forces, 11 years as a volunteer community outreach advocate, social justice organizer, and recent position held within the social services sector; all uniquely qualifying me for appointment to the Commission.

Please describe how you see the oversight role of the new Community Police Commission impacting policing in Cleveland.

I see the oversight role of the new Community Police Commission as a direct act of transformative justice and police accountability, both direly needed in our city.

Please provide other information you consider pertinent: (i.e., civic and community group, memberships, related work experiences and professional groups).

Cuyahoga County Action Team — Action Team Organizer and Team Leader (volunteer):
Engage and facilitate value-based conversations around social justice, building civic community

As an action Team organizer and team leader, participate in specialty sub-teams for stakeholder research and direct action accountability

Participate in recruitment efforts of new, diverse action team members

Hold active speaking roles in panels with Cuyahoga county stakeholders and policy makers

Active organizing role in pretrial justice, electronic monitoring and bail reform campaigns

Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission — Veterans Service Officer / Digital & Community Outreach Coordinator:

Advise and assist present and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, surviving spouses, parents, and their dependents in presenting claims or obtaining rights and/or benefits

Determine validity of a claim, develop, evaluate and submit benefits applications to include: disability, pension, education, and memorial

Assisted justice-involved & homeless veterans with obtaining resources for adequate housing through community organizations and Veteran Affairs

Assisted veterans experiencing substance abuse with adequate resources within the community and Veteran Affairs to begin and engage in recovery

Attend various community/veteran/military functions in support of CCVSC goals and objectives

Promote and coordinate the programs and services of the CCVSC at various community and professional group functions

Maintain and operate social media platforms and analytics for digital outreach

Coordinate and conduct virtual outreach events to include forums, webinar panel presentations, and round robins

Excellent interpersonal skills, a fast learner, able to work effectively independently or in team

environment, dependable, precise and detail-oriented with exemplary written & verbal communication skills