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Submitted values are:

First Name

WILLIAM

Last Name

TELL, SR.

Are you a resident of Cleveland?

Yes

Home Address

City

Cleveland

State

Ohio

Zip Code

44106

Are you over 18 years of age?

Yes

What is your gender identity?

male

What do you consider your race?

Black

What do you consider your ethnicity?

African American

Most recent place of work, job title, and address

Cleveland Division of Public Utilities

Security Manager

1201 Lakeside Ave

Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Selection Criteria

Although I do not fall within any of the above mentioned categories, I have been directly responsible for the supervision and discipline of police officers and other police department staff. I have reprimanded and disciplined numerous police officers during my 32 year career on the Cleveland Police Department and have written recruitment policy. I understand the impact of inappropriate selection of individuals protecting the citizens of Cleveland and look to improve the accountability of those officers and its leadership.

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?

Yes

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

Yes

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.

As a City of Cleveland resident for 75 years and retired Police Commander, I have witnessed

alarming changes in law enforcement practices within the city and across the country. I feel my expertise in law enforcement would be a valuable tool lending historical perspective in operations, policy and compliance.

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

As a 32 year veteran of the City of Cleveland Police Department, I have been directly responsible for the safety and security of the city's residents in multiple police districts. I have been responsible for initiating investigations, interviewing, and reporting on police and citizen activity. My entire life I have lived on the City's eastside, witnessing police conduct, some of which made me join the police department so I could positively impact change within the Cleveland Division of Police.

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

As a Black police officer, I have experienced and seen racial disparities within the Cleveland Division of Police which are representative of systemic issues impacting not only police officers but citizens of the city. I envision this commission will ultimately change the image of the department by reinforcing improved standards of conduct for officers, enhancing the quality of police recruits, training curriculum, and leadership.

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

I have been a member of multiple local and national police organizations. I have received numerous awards for police heroism and achievement. I have a reputation, both as a officer and citizen that provide an example of excellent policing and community involvement. I am currently serving as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Helen S. Brown Center, the Greater Abyssinian Housing Corporation, and the East Cleveland Elderly Housing and Services, Inc. I also serve on the Board of Directors of the Black Economic Union of Ohio.