

## Council Members

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Woodson

**Clerk of Council**  
Sandra T. Davis



Council Chambers  
Second Floor of City Services Center  
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

April 9, 2019  
9:00 AM  
Regular Meeting

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## MAYOR'S AGENDA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding.
2. **INVOCATION:** Pastor Billy Duncan- Beallwood Baptist Church.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by St. Luke Kindergartners.
4. **MINUTES:** Approval of minutes for the March 26, 2019 Council Meeting.
5. **PRESENTATION:** Columbus 2025 Update on Educational Program, *Basics*. (Presented by Columbus 2025 Leadership Team)
6. **REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION:** Transition Audit of Jury Manager's Office. John Redmond- Internal Auditor.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA  
FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2019**

**ORDINANCES:**

**(1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - REZN-12-18-2159:** An ordinance rezoning property located at 2870 Christine Road. The current zoning is SFR2 (Single Family Residential 2) zoning district. The proposed zoning is SFR3 (Single Family Residential 3). The proposed use is houses. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Ashwini Jain. (Councilor Barnes)

**(2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - REZN-01-19-0045:** An ordinance rezoning property located at 820 5th Avenue. The current zoning is GC (General Commercial) zoning district. The proposed zoning is RMF1 (Residential Multifamily 1). The proposed use is car port. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Katrina Chester. (Councilor Woodson)

**(3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - REZN-01-19-0095:** An ordinance rezoning property located at 1147 6th Avenue and 512 12th Street. The current zoning is LMI (Light Manufacturing / Industrial) zoning district. The proposed zoning is UPT (Uptown). The proposed use is apartments / office / warehouse. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Ken Henson, Jr. (Councilor Woodson)

**(4) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - REZN-02-19-0219:** An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia so as to revise and replace certain provisions pertaining to Personal Care Homes with updated requirements and definitions that are consistent with state law; and for other purposes. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. (Councilors Davis & Barnes)

**(5) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading -** An ordinance amending the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for General Government Employees, and the Columbus, Georgia Pension Plan for Employees of the Department of Public Safety to clarify the definition of “Actuarial (or Actuarially) Equivalent”; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem Pugh)

**(6) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading -** An ordinance amending Columbus Code Section 20-13.11 pertaining to parking management districts to redefine the confines of each parking management district and clarify provisions pertaining to overtime parking; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem Pugh)

**(7) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading -** An ordinance adopting an Acceptable and Supportable Use of Technology Policy with amendment. (Mayor Pro-Tem) (Requested by Information Technology and Human Resources)

**(8) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - REZN-02-19-0163:** An ordinance rezoning property located on the western portion of 6000 Warm Springs Road. The current zoning is NC (Neighborhood Commercial) zoning district. The proposed zoning is RO (Residential-Office). The proposed use is senior

independent living (multi-family). The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Robert McKenna. (Councilor Allen)

**(9) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - REZN-02-19-0168:** An ordinance rezoning property located at 579 Brennan Road / 449 Brennan Road / 501 Brennan Road / 3525 Cusseta Road / 3614 Cusseta Road / 511 Brennan Road / 519 Brennan Road / 523 Brennan Road / 521 Brennan Road / 461 Brennan Road / 502 Brennan Road / 510 Brennan Road / 518 Brennan Road / 520 Brennan Road / 548 Brennan Road / 3881 Cusseta Road. The current zoning is GC (General Commercial) zoning district. The proposed zoning is RO (Residential-Office). The proposed use is multi-family. The Planning Advisory Commission and the Planning Department recommend **approval**. The applicant is Lucy Jones. (Councilor Huff)

**(10) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading -** An Ordinance amending Chapter 19 of the Columbus Code to revise the code sections pertaining to the business licensing requirements for home inspectors and home inspection businesses; and for other purposes. (Councilor Davis)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

### **FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2019**

1. Ms. Avis “Momma Love” Lewis, Re: Cable companies location restriction.
2. Ms. Betty Jo Casey, representing Springlake Subdivision, Re: Severe hoarding situation on Nightwind Court and unlivable conditions.
3. Mr. Paul Olson, Re: Eminent Domain.
4. Mr. Leroy Davis, Jr., Re: American Legion Boys State Program.
5. Ms. Theresa El-Amin, Re: Employee Compensation / Pension Plan.
6. Mr. Michael Beasley, Re: Traffic light at Macon Road and Lynch Road at Technology Parkway.

**CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**  
**April 9, 2019**

**I. BALCONY ENCROACHMENT ON RIGHT OF WAY:**

Approval is requested to approve the encroachment for the balcony at 1041, 1043 and 1045 Broadway (the Cannon Brew Pub) to construct a balcony that will extend 10 feet zero inches into the public right-of-way from the existing building face. The balcony is designed to be cantilevered with no supports installed in the sidewalk area. The balcony will span 69 ft-4 inches across. The Uptown Facade Board has reviewed and issued a Certificate of Appropriateness. The City has authorized this type of permanent encroachment in the past with the condition that should the encroachment ever become a conflict with any public improvements, the encroachment shall be removed at no cost to the City.

**II. 2019 GEORGIA SMART COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE GRANT:**

Approval is requested to submit an application and if awarded, accept the 2019 Georgia SMART Communities Challenge Grant in the amount of \$50,000, or as otherwise awarded, with a 100% local match requirement of which 50% will be fulfilled as in-kind services from local partners and the Columbus Consolidated Government and 50% will be a cash match coming from the Information Technology budget and to amend the multi-governmental fund by the amount of the award. If awarded the grant, the Columbus Consolidated Government will receive funding for planning of the implementation of public wireless access and IoT devices. These devices are intended to increase livability, drive collaboration and enhance public safety. Additionally, the Georgia Institute of Technology will provide research staff to conduct onsite development and initial research plans.

**III. 2019 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM:**

Approval is requested to accept a grant of \$58,706.00 or as otherwise awarded, from the 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by like amount with no local match required. Funds have been allocated to the 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program for the maintenance of equipment received as part of the West Central Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) Team. This team was formed to improve responses to heavy rescue emergencies to the citizens of Columbus and surrounding counties. Heavy search-and-rescue involves the location, rescue (extrication), and initial medical stabilization of victims trapped in confined spaces.

**IV. 2019 HOMELAND SECURITY HAZMAT GRANT PROGRAM:**

Approval is requested to accept a grant of \$64,386.00, or as otherwise awarded, from the 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program and amend the Multi-Governmental Fund by like

amount with no local match required. Funds have been allocated to the 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program for the maintenance of Hazardous Materials equipment. This equipment was received to improve Hazardous Materials Response to the citizens of Columbus and surrounding counties in the event of a terrorist event, industrial accident, or any other chemical, biological or radiation accident. The Hazardous Materials Response Team will be able to respond to incidents across the state under mutual aid, but the local jurisdictions own the vehicle and equipment.

**V. OPTION CONTRACT FOR BRADLEY CIRCLE PROPERTIES:**

Approval is requested to enter into an Option Contract with the Housing Authority of Columbus for the option to purchase eight (8) city-owned properties located south of Bradley Circle. The properties located at 2838 Bradley Circle, 5 27th Street, 9 27th Street, 2711 1st Avenue, 2715 1st Avenue, 2719 1st Avenue and 2805 1st Avenue are exclusively owned by the City. The Housing Authority of Columbus wishes to enter into an Option Contract for the purpose of applying for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) for the redevelopment of Chase Homes onto these parcels.

**VI. PURCHASES:**

Approval is requested of items "A" to "D":

- A. Security Cameras & Accessories for METRA
- B. Fareboxes with Associated Equipment for METRA
- C. Garbage Truck Repair Services - Vehicle #6985
- D. Garbage Truck Repair Services - Vehicle #6959

**Emergency Purchase – Information Only**

**(1) WOOD SHEAR FOR PINE GROVE LANDFILL:**

On March 7, 2019, the Public Works reported the need for the emergency purchase of wood shear, to break up stumps and larger trunks and limbs, as a result of the tornado which occurred March 3, 2019.

Due to the storm, Public Works was required to stockpile larger pieces of debris until a wood shear is available. In the past, with smaller quantities, the Department used the City's grinding contractor to split the larger pieces, but his wood shear is being used in Florida and is not be available to the City.

The Department obtained the price to rent a shear and the cost is \$10,000/week, which is cost prohibitive. Consequently, Public Works obtained a quote from Tractor & Equipment Company (Columbus, GA) in the amount of \$20,983.00.

The Department had already budgeted \$20,000 in their FY20 budget anticipating the need for the equipment.

Deputy City Manager Goodwin approved the Emergency purchase on March 8, 2019.

Funding is available in the FY19 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund – Public Works – Pine Grove Landfill – Machinery; 0207 – 260 – 3560 – PGRO - 7715.

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**(2) TACTICAL VESTS FOR SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)**

On March 26, 2019, the Sheriff’s Department reported the need for the emergency purchase of seven (7) tactical vests for its SRT Team.

The current vests have expired and present potential liability for the Department as a matter of life and public safety. Consequently, the purchase had to be expedited. The City Manager approved the emergency purchase on March 26, 2019.

The purchase will be made from Smyrna Police Distributors (Smyrna, GA) in the amount of \$17,500.00.

Funding is available in the FY19 Budget: General Fund – Sheriff – Operations – Uniforms; 0101-550-2100-SPTL-6781.

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**(3) REPAIR OF RIVER ROAD RADIO TOWER DUE TO TORNADO AND EROSION DAMAGE – PHASE I:**

On April 5, 2019, the Engineering Department reported the need for the emergency purchase of Phase I repairs to restore the structural integrity of the River Road radio tower that was damaged in the March 3, 2019 tornado.

Although the main tower is still standing, its guy wires and soil-supported concrete block anchors were significantly impacted by falling trees and wind-generated debris as well as surface soil erosion at one of the anchor blocks. The emergency repairs are required to stabilize the structure; there are components that need to be tightened and loose wires that need to be reattached. If not repaired soon, the tower may receive additional damage or failure in another storm event. Also, the repairs must be made before the tower can be climbed/inspected.

The Engineering Department obtained a quote from Motorola/Mobile Communications America (Columbus, GA) in the estimated amount of \$113,000.00 for Phase I repairs.

The City Manager approved the Emergency purchase on April 5, 2019.

The funding source is OLOST Infrastructure Reserves.

## **VII. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- New Motor Vehicle Registration Update - Lula Huff, Tax Commissioner
- Government Center Update - Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager
- Liberty Gardens Update - Laura Johnson, Community Reinvestment Director
- Update on Traffic Incident Management/Towing Services Procurement Timeline - Angelica Alexander, Finance Director
- Ralston Towers Update - John Hudgison, Inspections and Codes Director

### **Bid Advertisements (Schedule opening bid dates)**

#### **April 10, 2019**

##### **1. Sign Truck – RFB No. 19-0042**

###### **Scope of Bid**

A Non-Mandatory Site Visit is scheduled at 11:00 AM (Eastern) on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Vendors shall convene at the Traffic Engineering Shop, which is located at 601 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901.

**April 12, 2019**

1. **Engineering Services for J.R. Allen Parkway / US 80 Corridor Study P.I. #0016425 – RFP No. 19-0018**

Scope of RFP

The Columbus Consolidated Government is accepting Statements of Qualifications / Proposals from qualified firms to provide Professional Services for the J.R. Allen Parkway / US 80 Corridor Study for the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization. Interested parties must be pre-qualified with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Information regarding pre-qualifications can be obtained by contacting the Georgia Department of Transportation Pre-qualification Office: <http://dot.ga.gov/doingbusiness/prequalification>.

2. **Architectural and Engineering Services for 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Streetscape Study P.I. #0016424 – RFP No. 19-0019**

Scope of RFP

The Columbus Consolidated Government is accepting Statements of Qualifications / Proposals from qualified firms to provide Professional Services for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Streetscape Study for the Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization. Interested parties must be pre-qualified with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Information regarding pre-qualifications can be obtained by contacting the Georgia Department of Transportation Pre-qualification Office: <http://dot.ga.gov/doingbusiness/prequalification>.

**April 17, 2019**

1. **Compact LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) Speed Detection Device – RFB No. 19-0048**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking vendors to provide six (6) compact LIDAR (light detection and ranging) speed detection devices to be used by Officers of the Columbus Police Department.

2. **Roofing Services at Mildred Tillis Recreation Center – RFB No. 19-0077**

Scope of Bid

Provide all labor, equipment and materials to remove the existing roof at the Mildred Tillis Recreation Center and replace with standing seam metal roof system.

This project is funded through Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. All work completed under this contract is subject to federal requirements, such as but not limited to, the Davis-Bacon Act, Section 3, and the Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act.

3. **Traditional Utility Vehicles (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 19-0046**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide two (2) traditional utility vehicles.



4. **Utility Tractors (Re-Bid) – RFB No. 19-0047**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking bids from qualified vendors to provide three (3) utility tractors.

**April 24, 2019**

1. **Athletic Equipment Maintenance/Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0034**

Scope of Bid

Provide maintenance and repair services for athletic equipment for various departments of the Columbus Consolidated Government on an “as needed basis.”

The initial term of the contract will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

2. **35-Foot Low-Floor Transit Bus (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0036**

Scope of Bid

The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia is seeking vendors to provide 35’ Low-Floor Transit Buses to METRA on an as-needed basis. The City anticipates purchasing approximately 0-3 buses during Fiscal Year 2020 through Fiscal Year 2023.

The term of this contract shall be for three (3) years.

3. **Herbicide Truck with Roadside Sprayer Attachment – RFB No. 19-0045**

Scope of Bid

Provide one (1) Herbicide Truck with Roadside Sprayer attachment to be used by the staff of the Public Works Right-of-Way/Forestry Division to spray grass for weeds and maintain visual appearance of City’s right-of-ways and property.

**April 26, 2019**

1. **False Alarm Billing and Tracking Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 19-0016**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is interested in obtaining the services of a highly professional, qualified, full-service false alarm solution firm to provide the majority of services related to the maintenance and customer service of the current false alarm reduction program. The services will be procured on an as-needed basis.

The initial term of the contract shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

2. **On-Call General Contractor Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 19-0021**

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government invites qualified contractors to submit proposals to provide general contractor services on an as-needed basis for City-owned facilities throughout Columbus-Muscogee County.

The initial term of the contract shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

**May 1, 2019**

1. **Sign Truck – RFB No. 19-0042**

Scope of Bid

Provide one (1) sign truck to be used by staff of the Traffic Engineering Division for sign installation and replacement.

2. **Removal of Residual Ground Material (Annual Contract) – RFB No. 19-0043**

Scope of Bid

The Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) wishes to establish an annual contract with a qualified contractor to provide the service of residual waste removal on an “as needed” basis, for either Pine Grove or Granite Bluff Landfills. Such ground material could be used as fuel, mulch, or some other recyclable commodity.

The initial term of the contract shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

**May 3, 2019**

1. **Concessionaire Services for Parks & Recreation Sports Facilities (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 19-0012**

Scope of RFP

Provide concessionaire services at Parks and Recreation sports facilities, to include: South Commons and Memorial Stadium.

The initial term of the contract shall be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA  
FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2019**

**ENCLOSURES, ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. **RESOLUTION:** Excusing Councilor Jerry “Pops” Barnes from the March 26, 2019 Council Meeting.
2. **RESOLUTION:** Excusing Councilor Judy W. Thomas from the March 26, 2019 Council Meeting.
3. **RESOLUTION:** Excusing Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson from the March 26, 2019 Council Meeting.
4. **Minutes of the following boards:**  
Board of Tax Assessors, #10-19 and #11-19.  
Housing Authority, February 20, 2019.  
Planning Advisory Commission, March 6, 2019.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS- ACTION REQUESTED:**

5. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS TO BE CONFIRMED:**

<b><u>ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>Sabine Stull</u></b> (New Position) Animal Rescue Shelter Representative	<i>(Councilor Garrett's Nominee)</i>
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<b><u>BOARD OF HISTORIC &amp; ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:</u></b>	<b><u>Robert Anderson</u></b> To serve in his previous seat declared vacant	<i>(Councilor Woodson's Nominee)</i>
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<b><u>COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND CULTURAL LIAISON ENCOUNTERS (C.I.R.C.L.E):</u></b>	<b><u>Harry Underwood</u></b> To fill the expired vacant seat	<i>(Councilor Barnes' Nominee)</i>
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<b><u>CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:</u></b>	<b><u>Timothy “Keith” Weeks</u></b> <b>SD-29 Representative</b> Nominated to serve another term	<i>(Councilor Allen’s Nominee)</i>
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<b><u>DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:</u></b>	<b><u>Tyler Townsend</u></b> <b>(Plan Expert/ Volunteer)</b> Nominated to serve another term	<i>(Councilor Allen’s Nominee)</i>
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<b><u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:</u></b>	<b><u>Captain William Rawn (CPD)</u></b> To succeed Capt. James Pope	<i>(Councilor Allen’s Nominee)</i>
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<b><u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:</u></b>	<b><u>Linda Lunsford (WIOA/ Job Training)</u></b> (General Government Employee)	<i>(Councilor Allen’s Nominee)</i>
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<b><u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:</u></b>	<b><u>Dir. Laura Johnson (Community Reinvestment)</u></b> (Department Director or Assistant Director)	<i>(Councilor Huff’s Nominee)</i>
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6. **COUNCIL’S APPOINTMENT- VOTE TABULATION:**

A. **GOLF AUTHORITY:**

<b><u>Sam Warren- SD-15</u></b> Term Expires: June 30, 2020 <i>Resigned</i>	<b><u>James B. Houston, Jr.</u></b>	<i>(Councilor Allen’s Nominee)</i>
	<b><u>Lloyd W. French</u></b>	<i>(Councilor Crabb’s Nominee)</i>

7. **COUNCIL'S DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:**

A. **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

<p><b><u>Delphine Ebron</u></b>  <b>District 3 Representative</b>  <i>(Resigned)</i>            Term Expires: March 31, 2019  <i>Not Eligible to succeed</i></p>	<p>Open for Nominations            from District 3            Councilor</p>	<p><i>Council District 3            Appointment (Huff)</i></p>
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8. **COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT- ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

A. **CRIME PREVENTION BOARD:**

<p><b><u>Gregory Wagner</u></b>  <b>At-Large Representative</b>            Term Expires: March 31, 2019  <i>Not Eligible to succeed</i></p>	<p><b><u>Lane Jimmeson</u></b>  <i>(Councilor Davis' Nominee)</i></p>	<p><i>Council's Appointment</i></p>
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<p><b><u>Winston Bailey</u></b>  <b>SD-15 Representative</b>            Term Expires: March 31, 2019  <i>Not Eligible to succeed</i></p>	<p><b><u>Rev. Marcus Gibson</u></b>  <i>(Councilor Barnes' Nominee)</i></p>	<p><i>Council's Appointment</i></p>
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B. **DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:**

<p><b><u>Dr. Forrest Toelle- IT Dept.</u></b>            Term Expires: May 31, 2019  <i>Eligible to succeed</i></p>	<p><i>(General Government Employee)</i></p>	<p><i>City Manager's Appointment</i></p>
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**C. GOLF AUTHORITY:**

<b><u>Mr. Dayton Preston- SD-15</u></b> Term Expires: June 30, 2022 (Resigned)	<b><u>Stephanie Callahan</u></b>	<i>(Councilor Huff's Nominee)</i>
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**Women: 0**

**Senatorial District 15: 2**

**Senatorial District 29: 5**

**UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

- ~ Board of Family & Children Services
- ~ Columbus Aquatics Commission
- ~ Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission
- ~ Pension Fund, Employee' Board of Trustees
- ~ Retiree' Health Benefits Committee

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