



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARINGS:

- a) R2015-0022: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Edward H. Kraus, upon his taking the oath of office, as Cuyahoga County Director of Regional Collaboration; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

- b) R2015-0030: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michael Foley, upon his taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Sustainability; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA

7. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2015-0022

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Edward H. Kraus, upon his taking the oath of office, as Cuyahoga County Director of Regional Collaboration; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. O2011-0009, the County Council established the Cuyahoga County Department of Regional Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Code Section 202.13 provides that specific goals, duties and activities of the Department of Regional Collaboration shall be further determined by the County Executive who shall employ and supervise a Director and such number of deputies, assistants and employees as shall be reasonably necessary to assist the County Executive in carrying out the duties of the Department of Regional Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Edward H. Kraus for the appointment to the position of Director of Regional Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Council conducted a confirmation hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Edward H. Kraus to the position of Director of Regional Collaboration; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of Edward H. Kraus to serve as the Director of Regional Collaboration upon his taking the oath of office.



ARMOND BUDISH
Cuyahoga County Executive

January 16, 2015

Dan Brady, President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 East 9th Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Director of Regional Collaboration


Dear President Brady:

Cuyahoga County is currently experiencing a rapid re-development that is the catalyst for Northeast Ohio's renaissance. The impetus for this re-development is the establishment of strategic partnerships, both, public and private, with various local organizations to promote the benefits that Cuyahoga County and the region present. This spirit of cooperation and collaboration is integral to the fostering of strong, vibrant communities and municipalities. Ordinance 02011-0009 is legislation that established the Department of Regional Collaboration, in April of 2011, to serve as the primary entity of promoting cooperative efforts amongst public and private entities in Cuyahoga County and within the Northeast Ohio region.

Pursuant to applicable provisions, I am pleased to nominate **Edward H. Kraus** to serve as the Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration. A copy of his resume is attached hereto which details his relevant work history and background. Mr. Kraus has outstanding credentials for leading this department as well as high moral character. Personally, I can vouch on, both, his credentials and moral character, through my years of professional and personal interaction with Mr. Kraus. Mr. Kraus has served in his local community as Vice-Mayor and member of the Solon City Council, where he served as chair of the Enterprise Zone, Safety and Finance committees. In addition, Mr. Kraus has served as the former Supervising Attorney for the Cuyahoga County Mortgage Fraud Task Force, where he developed strategic partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement. In summary, Mr. Kraus has the acumen and relationships to build the key partnerships that will aid in furthering Cuyahoga County's renaissance.

I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council's schedule allows. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Laura Roche at 216-443-7181.

Sincerely,



Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive

Edward H. Kraus

Solon, Ohio 44139

LEGAL EDUCATION:

Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio

Juris Doctor Degree, June 1986

Admitted to Ohio State Bar, November 1986

Moot Court Board of Governors: National Team 1985 – 1986

Top Petitioner Brief, Region VI, National Moot Court Competition

PRE-LEGAL EDUCATION:

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, June 1983

Major: Management Science with a minor in Political Science

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:

McDonald, Hopkins LLC.

July 2013-present

Employed as an Attorney in the Cleveland office. Areas of focus include White Collar Investigations and Government regulations, Planning and Zoning, Real Estate, Consumer Finance, Energy, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Government Affairs, and Business Receiverships. Collaborates with other offices in Florida, Michigan, Chicago, and Washington D.C. on various firm projects and cases involving the above practice areas. Participates in forums involving the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and local aspects of Receivership practice.

Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office, Cleveland, Ohio

September 2008-June 2013

Supervising Attorney Cuyahoga County Mortgage Fraud Task Force:

Organized and implemented one of the largest and most comprehensive mortgage fraud operations in the country. Task Force works with a variety of partnership agencies including Ohio Attorney General's Office, FBI, HUD/OIG, Ohio Department of Commerce, Cuyahoga County Sheriff and other local law enforcement. Task Force has successfully investigated and prosecuted cases involving in excess of one thousand homes, hundreds of individuals, focusing on larger organized criminal enterprises. These individuals and companies participated as buyers, sellers, appraisers, title officers, mortgage brokers, investors, and loan officers. Work includes overseeing investigations, grand jury and indictment preparation, and all aspects of court appearances including pre-trials, motion hearings, jury and court trials, plea hearings, sentencing and all appellate work.

Ohio Attorney General's Office

January 2007-August 2008

Co-managing attorney Cleveland Office and Assistant Section Chief of Consumer Protection:

Assisted in a supervisory capacity in the management of the Cleveland Office of the Ohio Attorney General's Office; Worked on various community and law enforcement projects, in which the Attorney General's office partnered with local institutions on a new crime lab and mortgage fraud operation to combat the housing and local foreclosure crisis; Worked with federal, state and local law enforcement to organize and implement the Cuyahoga County Mortgage Fraud Task force formed in November 2007.

Ronald Frederick and Associates, Cleveland, Ohio

January 2006 – January 2007

Attorney: Responsibilities included:

Extensive litigation in all areas of Consumer Protection

Javitch, Block and Rathbone, Cleveland, Ohio

March 1994 - December 2005

Partner:

Responsibilities included: Extensive litigation experience as a Creditor Attorney in the practice areas of Commercial, Collection and Business Law; Supervision of pre-trials, discovery, motion practice, bench and jury trials and Appellate work; Representation of a wide range of clients in the credit industry including banks, credit card companies, landlord and management companies, automobile and insurance industry and other entities within financial services; Management of Arbitration Awards and coordination of the confirmation process in State Court; Development of Associate Attorney training for litigation and court-related matters; Implementation and supervision of Attorney/Collector roundtable, to enhance inter-office communication and overall firm productivity.

Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office, Cleveland, Ohio

July 1987 – February 1994

Assistant County Prosecutor:

Responsibilities included:

Extensive trial experience in the areas of criminal law in all degrees of felonies including capital murder, murder and rape cases; Preparation for trial, including the researching of criminal issues; Handled all appeals of cases tried, involving appellate brief preparation and oral arguments in the Court of Appeals

ELECTED OFFICE:

City of Solon, Council Representative, Ward 6

2001 – Present; Appointed to position of Vice-Mayor December 2010-present

Representation on City Council of Ward 6 residents, and serves on the following committees:

Planning and Zoning Commission

Chairman, Safety and Public Properties Committee

Enterprise Zone Committee-Chair

Recreation Commission

Finance Committee-Chair

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Graduate of Wexner Heritage Foundation

1992 – 1995

Trustee, Neighborhood Centers Association

1998 – Present

Executive Committee, Jewish Community Center

1996 – 2005

Board of Trustees, Jewish Education Center of Cleveland

1995 – Present

Board of Trustees, Agnon School

2000 –2006

Board of Trustees, Bellfaire / JCB

2008-Present

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2015-0030

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michael Foley, upon his taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Sustainability; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the County Council established the Department of Sustainability in Ordinance No. O2014-0023; and

WHEREAS, Section 202.18 of Chapter 202 of the County Code provides for the functions, goals, activities of the Department of Sustainability and that the County Executive shall employ and supervise a Director and such number of deputies, assistants and employees as shall be reasonably necessary to assist the County Executive in carrying out the duties of the Department of Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Michael Foley to the position of Director of the Department of Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, he Council has undergone review and scheduled a Confirmation Hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Michael Foley to the position of Director of the Department of Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of Michael Foley to serve as Director of the Department of Sustainability upon his taking the oath of office.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health,

or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: February 10, 2015

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____
_____, 20__



ARMOND BUDISH
Cuyahoga County Executive

Date of Receipt by Cuyahoga County
Clerk of Council: 2/5/2015

January 16, 2015

Dan Brady, President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 East 9th Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Director of Sustainability

Dear President Brady:

Cuyahoga County is currently experiencing a rapid re-development that is the catalyst for Northeast Ohio's renaissance. Fundamental to this renaissance is ensuring that the County is recommending and implementing practices that ensure environmental sustainability as well as maintaining the vibrancy, safety, and efficiency of developments and programs for the long-term. Ultimately, Cuyahoga County must make sustainability, not only a priority but, a part of our cultural identity.

Pursuant to applicable provisions, I am pleased to nominate **Michael Foley** to serve as the Director of the Department of Sustainability. A copy of his resume is attached hereto which details his relevant work history and background. Mr. Foley has outstanding credentials for leading this department as well as high moral character. Mr. Foley brings to the County a long-history as a community organizer relating to housing and public safety issues. In addition, Mr. Foley has executive experience leading the Cleveland Tenants Organization for almost ten years and was the Court Administrator for the Cleveland Housing Court in the 1990's. Also, Mr. Foley served eight (8) years as a Member of the Ohio House of Representatives. In summary, Mr. Foley has the acumen and drive to establish a cultural identity of sustainability throughout the County that will aid in furthering Cuyahoga County's renaissance.

I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council's schedule allows. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Laura Roche at 216-443-7181.

Sincerely,

Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive

Mike Foley

Cleveland, Ohio 44111

November 18, 2014

Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive Elect
Transition Team Office - 4th floor
2079 East 9th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Dear Armond,

As you are aware, due to term limits, I am at the end of my tenure in the House of Representatives. I have loved my time in the General Assembly, but have become incredibly frustrated at the inability to achieve meaningful or positive economic and environmental change in the statehouse. As a Democratic legislator in a strongly held Republican body, you know as well as anybody how difficult it is to have constructive input into the legislation that comes out of the GA.

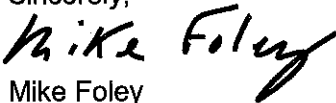
I believe your victory in this year's County Executive race holds real promise for progressive and effective governance. I would love to be a part of it, and I believe I offer some skill sets and relationships and experiences which would benefit your administration and the County.

My resume (attached), I believe speaks for itself. I have been fortunate in life to have a great many experiences and opportunities which I think have helped me see both the big picture and the importance of following through on specific projects. I've worked as a legislator, a non-profit director, a teacher and an administrator. I believe I have a solid reputation among many different constituencies for being thoughtful, hardworking and effective in my ability to get results.

While I am open to any work which can assist you and the people of the county, I am specifically interested in working in the newly created Department of Sustainability. I believe that increasing and encouraging energy efficiency and renewable energy is probably one of the most important things that government can now be doing, given the grave dangers our world faces with climate change. As an advocate and organizer, the department is something that I was helpful in creating and I would sincerely enjoy the challenge of chartering the initiative and making it a success.

Thank you for your consideration. I am available to meet or answer questions whenever it is convenient.

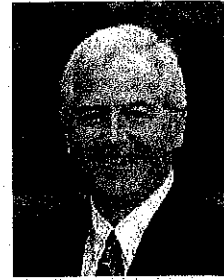
Sincerely,


Mike Foley

Cc: Transition staff

Resume of Mike Foley

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Cleveland, Ohio 44111
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Work History:

State Legislator – Ohio House of Representatives 14th HD (2006-2014)
Responsible for representing the 120,000 people of the 14th House District in the Ohio General Assembly.

Executive Director (part time) – Common Good Ohio (2013- fall 2014)
Responsible for overall management and fund-raising for the organization which does community organizing work around education, economy and environment.

Executive Director – Cleveland Tenants Organization (1998-2006)
Responsible for overall management and fund-raising for one of the nation's leading affordable housing and tenants' rights organizations.

Housing Law Instructor – Cleveland Marshall College of Law (1997-1998)
Instructor of law school students in the Housing Law Clinic of Cleveland Marshall.

Personal Bailiff- Cleveland Municipal Housing Court (1989-1997)
Responsible for overall management of the 25 person Cleveland Municipal Housing Court.

Field Representative – City of Cleveland Community Relations Board (1988-1989)
Worked in the field as a race relations representative particularly in the St. Clair-Superior and Slavic Village neighborhoods which were experiencing rapid changes in racial populations.

Community Organizer – St. Clair-Superior Superior Coalition (1986-1987)
Responsible for organizing residents around issues affecting the community including absentee landlords, re-use of vacant schools, crime watch meetings etc.

Community Organizer – West Side Ecumenical Ministries 1985-1986)
Assisted Father Bob Begin with general social justice related events and activities in the 40+ network organization.

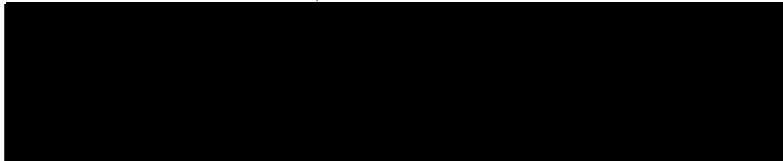
Attorney at Law (1996-Present)

Educational History:

- Juris Doctor, Cleveland Marshall College of Law (1992-1996)
- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Philosophy, University of Dayton (1981-1986)
- Chaminade Julianne High School (1977-1981)

Achievements, Awards:

- Advocated and organized support for the legislation creating the Cuyahoga Dept. of Sustainability 2014
- Election Monitor, Egyptian Constitutional Elections 2014
- Budget Conference Committee Conferee 2014 for the House Democratic Conference
- Friend of Education, Ohio Federation of Teachers 2014
- Distinguished Service Award, Ohio Association for Justice 2014
- Rising Leader, Consulate of Canada, 2012
- Wall of Fame, Cleveland Tenants Organization 2009
- Life Time achievement award, Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless 2006
- Legislator of the Year Award, Cuyahoga County ADAMHS Board 2013
- Member, National Caucus of Environmental Legislators 2006 - present
- Member, Great Lakes Caucus of the Counsel of State Governors 2010 - present
- Board Member, Progress Ohio 2012- present
- President, Board of Trustees, Moving Ohio Forward 2014- present
- Lead organizer in campaign to save/rebuild 1400 units of affordable housing in central neighborhood in Cleveland. Arbor Park, Rainbow Terrace and Carter Manor were saved from demolition and over \$110 million in new affordable housing was created.



References available upon request