



Near East Area Commission 2022 Commissioner Election

July 15 to August 15, 2022 - petition signature collection period

District seats:

District 1 - one seat

District 2 - one seat

District 3 - one seat

District 4 - one seat

At Large Seats:

Religion - one seat

New terms start January 1, 2023, although there will be onboarding and training prior to this date

Candidate Qualifications:

Each candidate shall be sixteen (16) years of age or older.

Each candidate must be a resident of the Near East Area Commission district for which he or she seeks to be elected at the time he or she commences circulating a nominating petition.

Candidates in this non-partisan election shall not declare any political party affiliation.

Candidates need not be registered voters on the rolls of the Franklin County Election Board.

Write-in candidates are not permitted.

At-Large Commissioner candidates do not need to reside on the Near East Side but must demonstrate a vested interest in the Near East Side community and represent the particular At-Large constituency.

**Petition Qualification:**

Petitions are to be circulated personally by the candidates.

Each circulator of a petition must complete and execute the affidavit at the end of the petition prior to its submission to the Election Committee.

The Election Committee may grant exception to the requirement that a petition be circulated personally by the candidate due to disability demonstrated by the circulator. This exception may be granted only upon written application submitted by the circulator to the Election Committee. If granted, a written statement to that effect must be issued by the Committee within seven (7) days after the Committee has received the written application. A proxy shall be designated to collect to collect the signatures.

Each petition must be signed by at least fifty (50) persons, aged 16 or over, and residing in the area district of the circulator.

At-Large Commissioner candidates shall follow the same petition qualifications as District Commissioner candidates, with the exception that at-large candidates may gather the 50 petition signatures from any of the four districts.

See our bylaws at the link below for additional information.

[NEAC-By-Laws-Revised-for-Approval-in-April-2022-Meeting-031022-1.pdf \(cbusareacommissions.org\)](#)

Download your election packet here.

[Microsoft Word - DRAFT City Wide Election Petition V1 \(cbusareacommissions.org\)](#)

Near East Area Commission website

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