

## NEAR EAST AREA COMMISSION APPOINTMENT MATERIAL

### THE OFFICIAL 2023 NEAC APPOINTMENT INFORMATION PACKET

#### One (1) Unexpired District Commission Seat:

At Large Business – 3-year term

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

Forms for candidates for District and At-Large Commissioner seats will be made available electronically on the commission website <https://cbusareacommissions.org/near-east/> and disseminated by the City Liaison. Electronic and/or hard copies can also be obtained by request by contacting the City Liaison, Jesús Ovalle, 614-288-8701, [jdovalle@columbus.gov](mailto:jdovalle@columbus.gov).

#### **Instructions for District Commissioner candidates:**

Return completed Candidacy Declaration form and resume to the City Liaison (submission instructions below).

#### **Instructions for At-Large Commissioner candidates:**

Submit a cover letter specifying the position you are seeking along with a resume to the City Liaison (submission instructions below).

Submissions can be made:

- Via e-mail (**Subject line: NEAC APPOINTMENTS-“Name”**) to the City Liaison, Jesús Ovalle, [jdovalle@columbus.gov](mailto:jdovalle@columbus.gov) or
- Dropped off (by appointment only) to the City Liaison, Jesús Ovalle, Near East Pride Center, 1393 East Broad Street, 43205.  
Call City Liaison 614-288-8701 to schedule.

**4:30 PM, Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

**Candidacy Documentation Submission Deadline**

**6:30 PM Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

NEAC Executive Committee reviews, certifies and notifies candidates

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**6:30 PM Thursday, October 12, 2023**

Notified candidates shall appear at the NEAC General Meeting, and be interviewed in a panel-style interview by seated Commissioners during the General Body meeting.

**2023 APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

Each potential candidate must complete the forms with the requested documentation, which will be reviewed and certified by the NEAC Executive Committee and City Liaison.

NEAC Appointment Terms will run in accordance with the term limits according to the NEAC by-laws, which dictate that the appointments will be to serve out the unexpired term of another Commissioner.

Each certified candidate will be interviewed by seated Commissioners at the General Body Meeting, with selection following the below:

NEAC By-Laws – Article II, Section 3. Vacancies shall be filled as follows:

A: For an At-Large Commissioner, by a majority roll call vote of the Commission, and to serve the unexpired term of his or her predecessor, as stated in Article II, Section 1 (B), subject to the approval of the Mayor and Columbus City Council.

B. For a District Commissioner, by a majority roll call vote of the Commission to serve the unexpired term of his or her predecessor, subject to the approval of the Mayor and Columbus City Council.

**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Each candidate shall be sixteen (16) years of age or older.
2. Prospective District candidates must live within the District they wish to represent (renters or homeowners).
3. Prospective At-Large candidates do not have a residency requirement but must demonstrate a vested interest in the Near East Side and in the At-Large subject matter.
4. All candidates should be aware that Commissioners are required to attend the General Monthly meeting on the second (2nd) Thursday of each month and at least one other meeting: Zoning which is held on the third (4th) Tuesday and the first Saturday of each month, or Planning which is held on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month, or Community Engagement which is held on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Thursday of each month. District Meetings may be scheduled at various times.
5. Candidates in this non-partisan appointment shall not declare any political party affiliation.
6. Candidates need not be registered voters on the rolls of the Franklin County Elections Board.

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**NEAC DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

The Near East Area Commission's District Boundaries are as follows:

**DISTRICT ONE (I)**

West side of Champion Avenue  
East side of I-71  
South side of I-670  
North side of East Broad Street

**DISTRICT TWO (II)**

West Bank of Alum Creek  
East side of Champion Avenue  
South side of I-670  
North side of East Broad Street

**DISTRICT THREE (III)**

West side of Wilson Avenue  
East side of I-71  
South side of East Broad  
North side of I-70

**DISTRICT FOUR (IV)**

West Bank of Alum Creek  
East side of Wilson Avenue  
South side of East Broad Street  
North side of I-70

**FORMS QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Forms shall be made available electronically or physically.
2. Forms are to be signed by the candidates.
3. Each candidate must complete and execute the affidavit at the end of the form prior to its submission to the Executive Committee.
4. Each potential candidate must complete the forms with the requested documentation, which will be certified by the NEAC Executive Committee and City Liaison.

Any questions or concerns relative to this information packet should be forwarded to the City Liaison, Jesús Ovalle, [jdovalle@columbus.gov](mailto:jdovalle@columbus.gov).

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NEAR EAST AREA COMMISSION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
CANDIDACY DECLARATION FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
declare my Candidacy for Representative to the Near East Area Commission (NEAC) from District \_\_\_\_\_.

The below information and attached resume will help qualify me as a Candidate for the Near East Area  
Commission Appointments to be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023.

My Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL : \_\_\_\_\_