

CTM Elections • November 6, 6-7 PM

CTM Elections for 2024 Board – Monday, November 6, 6-7 PM

Please review the 2024 CTM Board candidates' statements. We'll return to all in-person voting this year, so please mark your calendar to visit the Clifton Rec Center at 320 McAlpin Avenue from 6-7 p.m., then stay for the meeting afterward. To renew or become a member of CTM today use the link below and exercise your vote for community leadership. <https://www.cliftoncommunity.org/membership/>

Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) is Clifton's community council, a volunteer organization recognized by the City of Cincinnati, other governmental agencies, and private corporations as the official voice of the community. Currently comprised of around 400 members, we work together and in partnership with the other established Clifton organizations to make Clifton a great place.

Our board is comprised of 15 trustees, elected by CTM members for 3-year terms. Board members are limited to serve for 2 three-year terms, and the officers of the board (President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer) cannot serve for more than two successive years in the same position. CTM board and its committees have worked very hard recently on critical issues including traffic safety, personal safety, beautification, zoning, events, and parks as well as the quarterly publication of Clifton Chronicle.

Nick Gregg — I have served as a CTM Trustee since February of 2023 and want to continue serving as a trustee and as a member of CTM's governance committee for several reasons. As a trustee, I have been able to offer a unique perspective on issues presented to CTM. I am a fairly recent transplant to Clifton and am also the father of a young child. I have been able to look at important issues presented to CTM, such as the future of the Rawson Farmhouse, through the lenses of both a Clifton resident and a father invested in Clifton's schools and the neighborhood generally. I believe it is critical that CTM continues to include voices for the parents and children of Clifton, and I look forward to being one of those voices if elected. In addition to being a trustee, I am an attorney and partner at a local law firm, which gives me a unique skill set that has been useful to CTM. My experience as an attorney has often put me in situations where I am advocating for clients and positions in front of courts and juries of my clients' peers. As a CTM trustee, I have enjoyed advocating for Clifton, its businesses, and its residents. And as a member of CTM's governance committee, I have been working to make sure that CTM continues operating as effectively and efficiently as possible. If elected, I will continue doing these things and helping CTM and Clifton however I can.

FD Harper — As a returning resident of Clifton, I am excited to once again call my favorite neighborhood home. It is my hope to be more involved in supporting inclusive growth in Clifton, while contributing to a safe and enjoyable community for all families and business owners. With a network of strong educational qualifications and valuable volunteer and work experience, I believe I can bring a lot to our beautiful community. Professionally, after serving in the U.S. Navy, I worked at the Pentagon for the Department of Defense. I then moved to Clifton where I worked at the Cincinnati Enquirer and then the Internal Revenue Service, where I am currently employed as a Public Affairs and Media Specialist. I am an artist, designer and digital content creator. I live with my partner Lauren and our two puppies Chase and Lincoln, who demand belly rubs constantly. And I always oblige.

Leah Kottyan — I first moved to Clifton nearly 20 years ago as a graduate student at the University of Cincinnati. After moving away, I never forgot the sense of community that forms the heartbeat of the Clifton neighborhood. In 2021, our family moved back to Clifton. Since rejoining the Clifton community, we have enjoyed getting to know our neighbors and discovering the opportunities of our neighborhood.

When we come together in community, special things can happen:

- Feelings of togetherness that saturate our celebratory events in May, throughout the summer, and in December,
 - Opportunities to help one another through advocacy, shared meals, and neighborly acts of service,
 - Lifted spirits after running into a neighbor on the sidewalk, in a park, or in a neighborhood restaurant or store,
 - Organizing together around safety for all our neighbors, businesses, and visitors,
 - Investment in art and beautification efforts,
 - Celebrations of our diversity, and
 - Support for the local parks, businesses, and organizations that give Clifton its unique flavor.
- I would be honored to become a Clifton Town meeting trustee to support the community of Clifton.

Josh Lea — I am a lifelong resident of Clifton and single father of 16-year-old twin girls, Bella and Ellie. I'm a self-employed business owner of a marketing company and own multiple campus rental properties near UC. Having grown up in Clifton, I have watched the neighborhood evolve so much over the years and have a deep-rooted passion for seeing our community thrive. Over the last decade, I have devoted myself to many volunteer roles in Clifton. I currently serve as president of Clifton SAY Soccer since 2017 and have helped grow the program to support recreational youth soccer for over 400 kids ages 4-18 every spring and fall. I've coached my daughters' various Clifton sports teams over the last 10 years and still actively coach their high school-age Clifton girls soccer team. My family has had membership at

Clifton Meadows Swim & Tennis Club, where I serve as a Trustee on the board, acting as the tennis committee chairperson since 2018, responsible for coordinating our flourishing tennis program at our club along with the other duties of being a Trustee. I have also served as volunteer athletic director for many years at Annunciation School when my daughters attended there. I have met so many amazing Clifton families along this journey and I love being involved in activities that make Clifton such a special place. I believe my experience and perspective can be of great value to the CTM Board. I will work hard to continue serving the Clifton community that I love so much!

Genet Singh — I am an immigrant who emigrated from Addis Ababa Ethiopia to the United States in 1990 and settled in Cincinnati, and I am proud to be connected to the city, its rich history and community. I attended the University of Cincinnati to study pharmacy. While at University I met my husband of 25 years and later decided to stay at home and raise our three kids. Clifton was one of the first neighborhoods I visited upon arriving in Cincinnati, and I immediately fell in love with it. Having children who attended primary school in Clifton and being a business and homeowner in Clifton has only deepened this love for the Clifton community. I have owned various retail and wholesale businesses in Clifton, the greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky areas over the last 20 years. I hope to use the insights I have gained as a business owner to help the Clifton business district community. I believe that the success of the businesses on Ludlow Avenue is important for the health of the Clifton community as a whole. I welcome this opportunity to give back to the community that has welcomed and served me and my family well.

Gene Smiley — I have been a resident of the Clifton community for five years, and a lifelong resident of Cincinnati. I am a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) and have been licensed for over 30 years. Most of my work is part of a family oriented, providing individual and group counseling for parents and families referred by Child Protective Services and family systems in Brown, Adams and Clermont counties. As a Clifton council trustee, I would like to be involved generally in being supportive of the Ludlow business community and helping contribute to Clifton continuing to be a safe and family-oriented place to live. Specifically I'd like to assist with gun and other violence matters, helping develop strategies involving services to the homeless population and those dealing with mental health issues — working with the council in developing ways to help curb the increase in public violence, assisting the homeless in finding shelter, and in developing better ways of helping those with mental health issues to access services in a more efficient and productive manner.

