

# Cleveland Community Police Commission

## 2021 Application Form and Instructions

### Introduction

In conformance with the terms of the Consent Decree entered into in 2015 between the City of Cleveland and the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”), the City appoints individuals to serve as public members of the Cleveland Community Police Commission (“Commission”). The current term of the appointed public members of the Commission runs through October 1, 2023

There are currently two (2) public member vacancies on the Commission that need to be filled. Applications are now being accepted from interested parties for consideration for appointment to the vacant positions. To be eligible for appointment to the vacant positions on the Commission individual applicants must meet one of two eligibility requirements. To be eligible for appointment an applicant must either (1) reside in the City of Cleveland or (2) work in the City of Cleveland.

A Selection Panel will consider all submitted applications and will then recommend the individuals selected by the Panel to the Mayor for appointment to the vacant Commission positions. The term for the appointed positions will end on October 1, 2023.

Applications submitted for the current vacant Commissioner appointments will be retained for consideration and recommendation by the Selection Panel should any additional appointed Commission positions become vacant in calendar year 2021.

### Background

The Cleveland Community Police Commission is one of the mechanisms within the Consent Decree entered into between the City of Cleveland and the U. S. Department of Justice to promote ongoing community input in: the development of reforms, the establishment of police priorities, and the increasing of community confidence in the Cleveland Division of Police (the “CDP”).

The Consent Decree establishes that the Commission is to consist of 13 members. Members are to represent the many diverse Cleveland communities. In order to ensure diversity on the Commission, ten (10) of the Commission members must include representation from eight broad categories identified in the Consent Decree. These categories include: Faith based organizations, civil rights advocates, the business/philanthropic community, organizations representing communities of color, advocacy organizations, youth or student organizations, academia, and individuals with expertise in the challenges facing people with mental illness or the homeless. In addition to these ten members, three seats on the commission are reserved by the Consent Decree for police bargaining groups including the Black Shield, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Cleveland Police Patrolmen’s Association. Members of the Commission serve as volunteers and receive no compensation.

The mandate of the Commission is to:

1. Make recommendations to the Chief of Police and the City of Cleveland, including the Mayor and City Council, on policies and practices related to community and problem-oriented policing, bias-free policing, and police transparency.
2. Work with the many communities that make up Cleveland for the purpose of developing recommendations for police practices that reflect an understanding of the values and priorities of Cleveland residents.
3. Report to the City and community as a whole and provide transparency on police department reforms.

A copy of the **Consent Decree** can be accessed for review here [http://www.clevelandohio.gov/sites/default/files/forms\\_publications/SADoc2016.pdf](http://www.clevelandohio.gov/sites/default/files/forms_publications/SADoc2016.pdf)

## Application Process

Please note that all Commission applications are considered a public record, and the applications are subject to disclosure as a public record upon request. Applications for the current vacant Community Police Commission position must be submitted and received by **July 7, 2021**, or have been placed in the regular U.S. mail and having a postmark that is on or before **July 7, 2021**.

There are several options for accessing and submitting applications for the vacant position.

### To Obtain An Application:

1. The applicant can access an electronic copy of the application below. The electronic application can be submitted by email or it can be printed and submitted by hand delivery or by regular mail.
2. A printed copy of the application form can be obtained at Cleveland City Hall or your nearest branch of **Cleveland Public Library**. The application can be **printed directly from the City website** for submission by hand delivery or regular mail.

### To Submit a Completed Application:

- **Email:** Complete the PDF application, **email\*** the completed application to the following email address [selectionpanel@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:selectionpanel@city.cleveland.oh.us). Every application submitted by email to [selectionpanel@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:selectionpanel@city.cleveland.oh.us) will receive a confirmation email. If you did not receive a confirmation email, please check your spam folder. If you cannot locate the confirmation, please resend your application to [selectionpanel@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:selectionpanel@city.cleveland.oh.us).

***\*To Complete and Submit this application, you will need Adobe Acrobat reader installed. Download the PDF to your computer, complete and save the application, and email it as an attachment to: selectionpanel@city.cleveland.oh.us***

- **Hand delivery**: Hand deliver a completed application on or before July 7, 2021 to one of the drop-off boxes that are located at the security desks at the two entrances to Cleveland City Hall (601 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114), between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- **U.S. Mail**: Mail a completed application, with the envelope having a postmark date of on or before **July 7 2021** to:

Attn: Commission Selection Panel  
Office of the Mayor, Room 202  
Cleveland City Hall  
601 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Every application received will be reviewed and considered by the Selection Panel. Not every applicant will receive an interview, due to the limited amount of time the Selection Panel has to make their recommendations.

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**If you have trouble completing and/or submitting this application, please contact:**

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## Commission Eligibility Requirements

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| 1. Are you a resident of Cleveland? | Yes | No |
| 2. Do you work in Cleveland?        | Yes | No |

In order to ensure diverse representation on the Commission, membership must reflect eight broad categories delineated in the Consent Decree. Please select **all** that apply to you:

1. Faith based organization
2. Civil rights advocate
3. Business/philanthropic community
4. Organization representing communities of color
5. Youth or student organization
6. Advocacy organization
7. Academia
8. Expertise in the challenges facing people with mental illness or the homeless.

Please explain why the chosen categories apply to you:

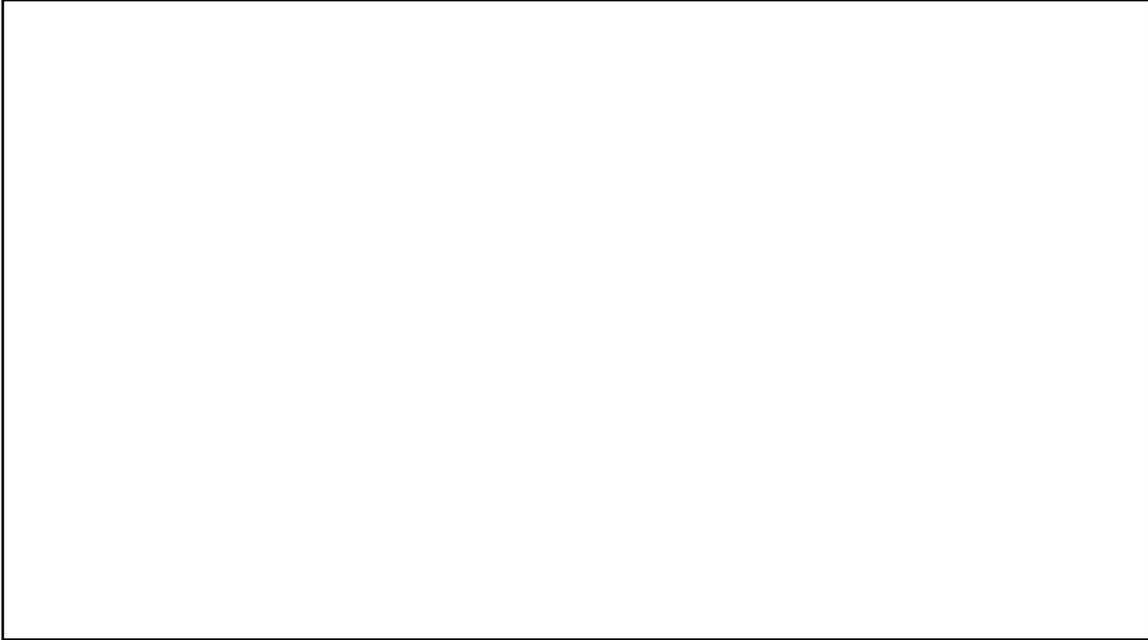
## Background Information

Please note, responses to these questions do not necessarily disqualify one from consideration for a position on the Commission.

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| 1. Are you a current or former employee of a law enforcement agency? If yes, please specify                       | Yes | No |
| 2. Are you a current or formally elected or appointed public official? If yes, please specify                     | Yes | No |
| 3. Are you a current appointed member of the Commission?  | Yes | No |
| 4. Do you understand the role of the Commission and the responsibilities of its members?                          | Yes | No |
| 5. Do you understand that applications for the Commission are public records, subject to disclosure upon request? | Yes | No |
| 6. Do you speak any other languages? If yes, please specify   | Yes | No |



3. Please address how you see the Commission advancing the larger goal of ensuring community engagement, promoting bias free policing, and building trust and transparency in the context of police reform?



**Other Applicable Information:**

Please provide other information you consider pertinent: (i.e., civic and community group, memberships, related work experiences and professional groups).



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