



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Frank G. Jackson

City of Cleveland Community Police Commission Selection Panel

The following are short biographies for each of the 11 members of the Community Police Commission Selection Panel.

Eugenia Cash, LSW, MSSA, CDCA

Eugenia Cash is a License Social Worker (LSW), has a Masters in Social Work (MSSA), and is a certified Chemical Dependency Counselor (CDCA). She is currently the Chairperson of the Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (A.D.A.M.H.S.) Board of Cuyahoga County.

Gabriella Celeste

Gabriella Celeste, JD, Director of Child Policy, is Co-Director of the Childhood Studies Program. Ms. Celeste works to build partnerships that promote effective public policy and practice for the well-being of children and adolescents.

Rev. Dr. Jawanza Colvin

The Reverend Dr. Jawanza Karriem Colvin is the sixth pastor of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, OH. As servant-leader of the 4,000 member congregation, Reverend Colvin follows in its historic tradition of community builders, preacher-scholars and social activists.

Colleen M. Cotter, Esq.

Colleen M. Cotter is the Executive Director of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, serving in that position since 2005. Legal Aid provides civil legal assistance to 10,000 clients each year, focusing on safety and health, education and economic stability, and shelter.

Rev. Jimmy L. Gates

The Reverend Jimmy L. Gates is the current Pastor of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Gates is affiliated with numerous religious and civil rights organizations throughout Cleveland and Northeast Ohio.

Anita Gray

Anita Gray is the Regional Director for the Anti-Defamation League, a 102 year old civil rights organization founded to fight anti-Semitism and to work for justice and fair treatment for all with responsibility for Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania. Anita Gray has been involved locally, nationally and internationally in the causes of civil justice and interfaith relations for over 25 years.

Phyllis Seven Harris

Phyllis Seven Harris is currently Executive Director of the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland. Ms. Harris has nearly two decades of leadership experience in local nonprofits, includes program management and development, fundraising, and senior-level executive positions. For many years, she also has played a strong role as an advocate in Cleveland's LGBT community.

Dr. Alex Johnson

Dr. Alex Johnson is currently the fourth President of Cuyahoga County Community College. Cuyahoga County Community College annually educates 33,000 credit students through 155 degree, certificate and transfer programs and offers non-credit and workforce development courses to 30,000 students.

Ronald B. Richard

Ronn Richard is president and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation. Over the past 30 years, Mr. Richard has held a variety of senior management positions in government, the private sector and the nonprofit sector. Currently, Mr. Richard serves on the board of directors of Global Cleveland, NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology, and Hispanics in Philanthropy.

Victor A. Ruiz

Victor Ruiz is the Executive Director of Esperanza, Inc. The mission of Esperanza is to improve the academic achievement of Hispanics in Greater Cleveland by supporting students to graduate high school and promoting post-secondary educational attainment.

Timothy L. Tramble

Timothy Tramble has been the Executive Director of Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. (BBC) since 2000. Under Tim's leadership BBC has grown from a staff of 2 with minimal services to a highly productive CDC that delivers a multitude of programs and services.