

University Area Commission - Candidate's Biographical Sketch

This information will be made available on the UAC website (<https://www.universityarea.org/>) and at the polling places on Election Day.

Candidate Name: (Please Print)

Address:

Josh Hickman

161 E Frambes Ave

Columbus, OH 43201

District: 1

Length of time living in the University Area: 3 Years

Occupation: Student

Commissioner Statement – Please state in under 200 words, what particular experience and qualifications you can offer the University Area Commission. Include information about your issues, concerns, goals for neighborhood, personal information, etc. *This section will be limited to 200 words.*

As a third-year Public Policy student at The Ohio State University pursuing a combined Bachelor of Arts and Master of Public Administration degree, I am deeply committed to local government and ensuring all voices in our community are heard. If elected as your Commissioner, I will prioritize advocating for safer pedestrian crosswalks, increasing civic engagement among OSU students, and preserving our neighborhood's rich history while ensuring responsible development.

My background includes working for Ohio House Minority Leader Allison Russo and U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, where I gained insight into legislative processes and advocacy. Through my education, I have also conducted research on housing and zoning policy, which will inform my approach to equitable neighborhood planning. Additionally, serving as a Senator in the Undergraduate Student Government's General Assembly has provided me with experience in representing and advocating for diverse community interests.

UAC Committees/Positions –If a current or past commissioner, please list the committees that you serve on and any positions you hold or have held in the past with UAC.

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Community Involvement/Education/Occupation – Provide a list of community activities, positions in other groups, educational background, etc.

- Elected to represent Ohio's 3rd Congressional District as a Delegate to the 2024 Democratic National Convention.
- Elected to represent Columbus Ward 41 at the Franklin County Democratic Party as a member of the Central Committee.
- Served as an On-Campus Living Area Senator (2023-2024) and currently serving as an Off-Campus Living Area Senator (2024-2025).
- Third-year public policy student pursuing a combined Bachelor of Arts and Master of Public Administration degree.
- Active member of the Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program. Buckeye Professional

I authorize the University Area Commission to post this biographical sketch on their website, located at <https://www.universityarea.org>.

Candidate Signature: Josh Hickman