

VINCENT CARINGI - North East Residential



This neighborhood didn't just shape me — it raised me. From my earliest years as a kid on these streets to afternoons spent learning what it means to serve a community from behind the counter of my mom's small business on Detroit Ave., my roots here run deep and never let go.

Today, I'm proud to both live and work right here in the Northeast Sector. As Chief Medical Officer at The Centers — with a clinic just down the street at 5209 Detroit Ave. — I see every day how much the health and well-being of our neighbors depends on the strength of this community. That's exactly why serving on this board has meant so much

to me.

Over the past few years as a board member, I've found genuine purpose working on the things that matter most to all of us: expanding access to stable, affordable housing, connecting residents to resources that support their health and well-being, and advocating for the kind of placemaking that makes our streets feel welcoming for everyone. I believe in a neighborhood where *anyone* can thrive — not just as a slogan, but as something we build together, block by block.

I'm asking for your vote to continue this work. Let's keep lifting each other up and making Northwest Neighborhoods a place everyone is proud to call home.

TED WADDELL - North East Residential



Ted is a transplant to the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood and has been active in the community for the past three years. He is a member of Mosaic Faith Community on the DSW & Ohio City border and a weekly volunteer at the Twice Blessed Free Store, a clothing bank, in Cudell. Ted anajifunza Kiswahili ili aweze kuzungumza na majirani zetu wapya kutoka Afrika. He was previously a leader in the Cleveland chapter of Strong Towns, an urban advocacy organization that focuses on good land use and supply-side housing reform.

Ted is currently a Technical Account Manager at Splunk where he collaborates with clients to ensure that they receive maximum value from Splunk's big data platform and previously worked for a startup in Independence. Ted is a 2018 graduate of Baldwin-Wallace University and an Eagle Scout Alumnus of Troop 297.

Recently, alongside a diverse coalition of neighbors, Ted advocated for good land use in Cudell and utilized public comment at City Council to speak out against the deficiencies in the City's redistricting process

Ted aims to support NWN's work maintaining and expanding affordable housing opportunities and ensuring that community benefit agreements adequately address the realities of new development in mature neighborhoods.

EMMA JOCHUM - South West Residential



Emma Jochum is a small business owner, music promoter, and community organizer who has lived and worked in Cleveland's Gordon Square and Cudell neighborhoods since 2015. She is the owner and operator of No Class, a neighborhood music venue and bar known for its diverse programming, mutual aid efforts, and commitment to creating safe and inclusive spaces for LGBTQ communities. Emma has worked in Cleveland's independent music scene for over a decade as a promoter, venue operator, and collaborator supporting local artists, fundraisers, and grassroots initiatives. Through No Class, she has helped organize food pantry efforts, Narcan

distribution and first aid training, and community mutual aid projects in the local neighborhood while fostering partnerships across Cleveland's arts and small business communities. She has served on the Board of Northwest Neighborhoods CDC for the past three years, contributing the perspective of an independent small business owner with experience in arts, music, community programming, and neighborhood-based organizing.

THERESE POHORENCE - South West Residential

I am Therese Pohorence.

I live at 2065 West 100th St

I also own 2061 and 2049 West 100th St.

I have been a property owner here since 1981

My husband and I retired in 2009.

I have been a ward leader and precinct committee member for the Republican Party. I have also been a candidate for office 3 times.

I had a functioning block club when I lived and owned property on West 105th for about 8 years. I was given the use of a building owned by the steel workers union at Midland Steel, to use whenever I wanted it, because of the good things that happened with the Block Club.

Anyhow, I have owned up to 9 properties in the neighborhood. We are down to 3 at this moment. I have been a CMHA Section 8 Landlord for close to 25 years. I have one tenant that has been with me for over 20 years, and I had another that stayed for 18 years.

I am the person who is directly responsible for Section 8 redesigning its inspection department and restoring sanity to it. I had one of the inspectors arrested for putting his hands on me. It worked!

I am the one who got the community garden donated at the Cudell Fine Arts Center. It was donated and assembled by Home Depot, staff.

I think that I would make a very good board member because of the History of the neighborhood I know. And the fact that I am a very good fund raiser.

ERIKA BROWN - South East Residential



After spending the first half of my life on the southeast side of the city, I moved to Cudell as a new empty nester and have lived in the Historic West Tech building for nearly 3 years with my spouse William and granddog Queso.

I know and believe in the power of authentic personal relationships. My best moments and greatest opportunities are directly linked to those connections. In both my personal and professional lives I am committed to creating, holding, and maintaining the integrity of welcoming spaces where people can connect and discover that power for and within themselves. Looking forward to seeing what that looks like in this second half of my life on the northwest side of Cleveland.

TYESHA REED - North West Residential



Tyesha Reed has proudly lived in the community for over 10 years and is deeply invested in supporting the neighborhood and the families who call it home. She has a professional background in legal support, case management, and social services, with experience working alongside families, providers, and community organizations to help connect individuals with resources and support services. Tyesha earned her Associate degree in Paralegal Studies and will be completing her Business degree from Baldwin Wallace University this year. As a long time renter, and a parent of a child attending a local school in the community, she understands the importance of strong neighborhoods, community involvement, and creating positive opportunities for children and families.

DAVID HUGHES - North Central Residential



David Hughes has been a Detroit Shoreway resident since 2021 and a Clevelander since 2013, originally born in Toronto, Canada and raised in Houston, Texas. Since 2024 he has been an active volunteer at Garrett Morgan High School as part of the Rotary Club of Cleveland "Ohio Means Jobs" mentoring program, contributing to an effort that has supported the incremental graduation of almost 100 students in just two years. He is also a proud alumnus of CWRU in 2017 and the Weatherhead School of Management in 2019, serving as a member of Weatherhead's Alumni Advisory Council and as the Service Chair for the planning committee of "Weatherhead10", an alumni network supporting recent Weatherhead graduates in the Cleveland community.

David is currently an Assistant Product Manager for Progressive Insurance, responsible for the profitable growth, countrywide deployment, and continuous development of multiple new insurance coverage offerings. Prior to that, he was a Pricing & Product Analyst at Farmers Insurance.

David seeks to contribute to the greater Northwest Cleveland community served by Northwest Neighborhoods, with a special focus of supporting the long-term sustainability of Northwest Neighborhoods' Mission, Vision, and Strategic Goals.

GRAHAM BALL (NEHEMIAH MISSION) - Commercial / Institutional



Graham has worked on Cleveland's West Side for the entirety of his professional career. He managed development and communications for a refugee resettlement agency in Clark-Fulton, securing millions of dollars in grant funding. Graham then served as the Campaign Manager for Tanmay Shah's Ward 12 City Council race. Now, as Executive Director of The Nehemiah Mission, located just south of Gordon Square, Graham is excited to continue making Cleveland's neighborhoods more vibrant and welcoming.

ANNA PERLMUTTER (CLEVELAND HOUSING SOLUTIONS) - Commercial / Institutional



Anna Perlmutter is a housing practitioner, researcher, and community development leader currently serving as Board President of Northwest Neighborhoods CDC. She co-founded Cleveland Housing Solutions alongside her partner Scott, where they manage a mixed-income rental portfolio focused on providing stable, quality housing for low- and moderate-income residents on Cleveland's West Side.

Anna earned her PhD from Case Western Reserve University, where her research focused on housing instability, eviction diversion, and the organizational systems that shape housing outcomes. Her work bridges research and practice, drawing directly from years of hands-on experience working with tenants, affordable housing providers, neighborhood organizations, and public systems. She also holds an MBA in Nonprofit Management and Social Policy.

At Northwest Neighborhoods, Anna has helped lead efforts around eviction diversion, tenant engagement, affordable housing operations, organizational strategy, and more recently, the revival of our neighborhood's Capitol Theatre. Through her work with Cleveland Housing Solutions and the emerging Landlord Lab initiative, she continues to explore innovative models for equitable landlording, housing policy, and cross-sector collaboration.

Anna is an experienced community organizer and is passionate about working with her neighbors to support mutual aid, strengthening neighborhoods and preserving long-term affordability. She believes deeply in collaborative leadership and creating systems that treat residents with dignity. Outside of work, Anna enjoys gardening, neighborhood projects, and planning summer popsicle sidewalk parties with her kids.