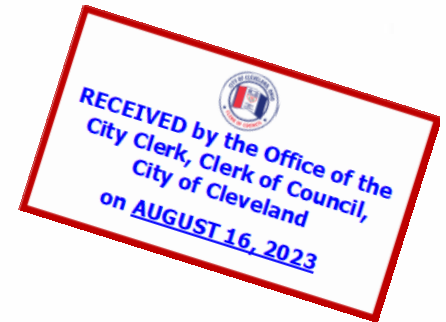




City of Cleveland
Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

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August 16, 2023

Honorable Blaine Griffin
President, Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114

Honorable Joseph Jones
Mayor's Appointment Committee
601 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Council President Griffin & Chair Jones,

Included below is the Mayor's nomination for a vacancy on the Landmarks Commission to be considered at an upcoming meeting of Cleveland City Council's Mayor's Appointments Committee.

Landmarks Commission

- Christopher Loeser (*new appointment*) – Term Ending September 1, 2027.

Additionally, resumes and/or biographies are attached for the newly recommended candidate for appointment. Any additional questions can be directed to Ryan Puente, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Government Affairs Officer, at (216) 664-3544 or via email at rpunte@clevelandoh.gov.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Bibb
Mayor | City of Cleveland



**City of Cleveland, Ohio
Code of Ordinances §161.03
Landmarks Commission,
Composition and Terms.**

Members to be appointed by the Mayor shall be chosen from nominations made by the Western Reserve Historical Society, the Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Early Settlers Association. At least one member shall be an owner of commercial or industrial real property; at least one member shall be a registered architect; at least one member shall be a historian qualified in the field of historic preservation; at least one member shall be a licensed real estate broker; at least one member shall be an attorney; and all members shall have, to the highest extent practicable, a known interest in landmarks preservation.

**Western Reserve
Historical Society**

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**American Institute
of Architects**

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**Early Settlers Association
of the Western Reserve**

PO Box 39291
Solon, OH 44139
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March 15, 2023

Joyce P. Huang
Director, City Planning Commission
601 Lakeside Ave. E
Cleveland, OH 44114

RE: Cleveland Landmarks Commission – **Christopher Loeser, AIA, Nomination**

Dear Director Huang,

In fulfillment of the city ordinance for Landmarks Commission nominations, the Western Reserve Historical Society, the Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and the Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve hereby submit a nomination of Christopher Loeser, AIA, for the open Architect position on the Landmarks Commission.

Per the attached resume, Christopher is an architect residing in Cleveland who has focused his practice on restoration and renovation of historic structures, including many of Cleveland's cultural institutions. He is currently a principal at DLR Group and leader of the Cultural & Performing Arts studio in Cleveland. Christopher has expressed interest in serving on the Landmarks Commission, and we believe he would provide a unique perspective when reviewing projects and policies that protect and preserve our history and heritage in Cleveland.

Please review Christopher's credentials and let us know if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely Submitted,

Michael Christoff, AIA
President
AIA Cleveland

On Behalf of:

Kelly Falcone-Hall
President / CEO
Western Reserve Historical Society

William C. Barrow
President
Early Settlers Association

13 March 2023

Bill Barrow, President, The Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve
Kelly Falcone-Hall, CEO, The Western Reserve Historical Society
Michael Christoff, President, American Institute of Architects, Cleveland Chapter

Re: Nomination to the Cleveland Landmarks Commission

Dear Mr. Barrow, Ms. Falcone-Hall and Mr. Christoff:

Greetings, my name is Chris Loeser. I am an architect and Principal at DLR Group and would like to be considered for nomination to the Cleveland Landmarks Commission. Born and raised in the Cleveland area, I have lived in the Ohio City neighborhood for the past 15 years, and as a homeowner for the past five. In 2021, I was appointed to the Ohio City Design Review Committee where I have had the rewarding opportunity to review and make recommendations for dozens of projects that impact my neighborhood, many of which would later be reviewed by the Cleveland Landmarks Commission.

After graduating from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at Kent State University in 2007, I joined the design firm Westlake Reed Leskosky (now DLR Group). Over the past 16 years, I have had the opportunity to be involved in a number of projects locally, nationally and internationally, with a primary focus on cultural and performing arts. Much of my work has involved the restoration and renovation of significant historic buildings and historic theatres. It has been my absolute pleasure to work with many of Cleveland's key cultural institutions, in particular, Playhouse Square and Musical Arts Association (The Cleveland Orchestra). I currently serve on the Board of the League of Historic American Theatres and was a juror for the Cleveland Restoration Society and AIA *Celebration of Preservation Awards* in 2017 and 2019. I believe I can bring to the Commission an understanding and empathy for the process of historic preservation, including budgets, an understanding of tax credits and Secretary of the Interior's standards. I understand the complexity and intricacies of the design and construction of such projects at a wide variety of scales, from a few thousand dollars to hundreds of millions. Also, in addition to my time spent on the Ohio City Design Review Committee, I have worked directly with the City of Cleveland and other local municipalities on permitting and design review for a number of projects, and I understand the processes.

Please find my resume with a brief bio and list of some past, relevant projects included with this letter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I appreciate your consideration.

Best Regards,



Christopher Loeser, AIA

Encl: Resume

Christopher Loeser

AIA, Principal, DLR Group

Project Role

Architect / Cultural & Performing Arts Leader



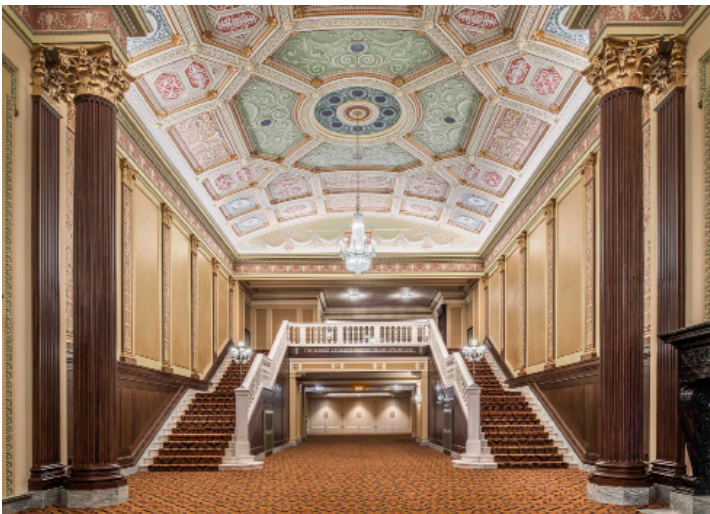
About Chris

Chris is an architect specializing in the design of cultural and performing arts centers. He leads DLR Group's Cultural & Performing Arts studio in Cleveland and oversees cultural work in our Cleveland, Columbus, New York City, and Washington D.C. offices. Chris has a passion for historic buildings and has been involved in dozens of projects with restoration and adaptive reuse as key elements. Chris also serves on the Board of the League of Historic American Theatres and was a juror for Cleveland Restoration Society and AIA *Celebration of Preservation Awards* in 2017 and 2019. While much of his work has been regional, he has worked with many national and international clients, most recently on the design of five new theatres for a new Broadway Theatre District in Shanghai, China. Locally, Chris has worked closely with Playhouse Square on several projects including recent renovations of the Key Bank State Theatre and Connor Palace Theatre and the replacement of the Theatre Marquees.

16 years
industry experience

Cultural & Performing Arts specialist

Historic Theatre expert



Select Project Experience

Case Western Reserve University; Cleveland, OH

Maltz Performing Arts Center Phase 2 Expansion

Chautauqua Institution; Chautauqua, NY

Bellinger Hall and new Multi-Arts Center Study

Cincinnati City Center Development Corporation; Cincinnati, OH

Memorial Hall Restoration

Cleveland State University; Cleveland, OH

The Galleries at CSU in Playhouse Square

Fitchburg State University; Fitchburg, MA

Main Street Theatre Renovation

Foundation for the Carolinas; Charlotte, NC

Carolina Theatre Renovation / Belk Place

Kent State University CUDC; Cleveland, OH

Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative Expansion in Playhouse Square

Musical Arts Association/Cleveland Orchestra; Cleveland, OH

Severance Hall Appropriations Projects

Geauga Park District; Montville, OH

Nassau Station Observatory Restoration

NorShor Theatre Restoration; Duluth, MN

Oberlin College; Oberlin, OH

Apollo Theatre Renovation/Cinema Studies Program

The Ohio State University; Columbus, OH

OSU Arts District: Department of Theatre and School of Music Buildings

Playhouse Square; Cleveland, OH

Theatre Marquee Replacement

2019 Key Bank State Theatre Renovations

Ohio Theatre Lobby Restoration

Allen Theatre Complex

Professional Highlights

Education

Master of Architecture, Kent State University
B.S. in Architecture, Kent State University

Registration & Licensing

Registered Architect in: OH, PA, FL,
TX, IL

Professional Affiliations

Board Member, League of Historic American Theatres (LHAT); Juror, Cleveland Restoration Society and AIA *Celebration of Preservation Awards*