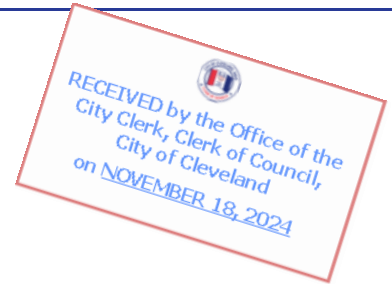




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August 30, 2024

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

The Honorable Joseph Jones  
Chair, Mayor's Appointment Committee  
601 Lakeside Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 4411

Dear Council President Griffin & Chair Jones:

Per Cleveland Codified Ordinance Section 365.07(a), I am writing to appoint Jennifer A. Johns, MPH, to the Cleveland Lead Safe Advisory Board for a 4-year term for the sole open seat on the Board.

Ms. Johns holds a Masters of Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh, has held positions with Governor Strickland's Office, University Hospitals, the Children's Hospital Association, the National Patient Advocate Foundation, and the Cleveland Clinic. Today, Ms. Johns leads the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio. Her interests in leadership and governance toward a lead safe Cleveland derive from personal and professional foundations. I am confident that her experience working on pediatric health issues in Columbus and Washington as well as her strong governmental relations background at the state, federal, and local levels will serve the Board well.

I am pleased to nominate Ms. Johns for appointment. Her CV is attached. Any questions may be directed to Emily Collins, Senior Advisor to the Mayor for Major Projects, at (216) 664-3441 or via email at [ecollins@clevelandohio.gov](mailto:ecollins@clevelandohio.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Bibb".

**Justin M. Bibb**  
Mayor | City of Cleveland

**Jennifer A. Johns, MPH**  
Executive Director, Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio

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**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (Cleveland, OH)

*Executive Director: October 2020- Present*

- Managing staff and business operations of 501c(6) trade association and 501c(3) charitable foundation
- Government relations and policy work on behalf of over 6,700 physician members

Cleveland Clinic (Cleveland, OH)

*Director, Government Relations: June 2013- October 2020*

- Directing lobbying and legislative strategy at state level for the entire Cleveland Clinic system
- Responsible for federal and state lobbying for Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital
- Meeting with stakeholders and physicians on issues key to the hospital system
- Maintaining key relationships with policymakers and other advocates
- Analyzing and tracking state legislation, writing testimony on state legislation
- Former Chair of Cleveland Clinic's Internal Opioid Task Force

National Patient Advocate Foundation (Washington, DC)

*Associate Director of State Government Relations: August 2012- June 2013*

- Directed state government relations, analyzing and tracking state legislation, writing comments on state legislation and policy actions on issues most central to patients
- Lead and organized state regional policy summits for health care professionals and patient advocates
- Managed grassroots staff and national volunteer network

Children's Hospital Association (Washington, DC)

*Federal Affairs Associate: May 2011- August 2012*

- Federal lobbying on pediatric health issues
- Provided necessary policy support on Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME), Medicaid and other issues to member hospitals and internal staff
- Helped coordinate Congressional briefings and build alliances with Congressional caucuses and other children's health groups
- Attended Congressional hearings on issues important to children's hospitals
- Worked with 222 member hospitals across the country to help them advance their federal affairs efforts and agendas

Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice (Hanover, NH)

*Graduate Research Assistant: August 2009- April 2011*

- Assisted on a joint health policy research project between the Dartmouth Institute and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health concerning mental health benefits for children enrolled in state Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) programs

University Hospitals (Cleveland, OH)

*Government Relations Resident:* May 2010- August 2010

- Researched and analyzed impact of health care reform legislation on the hospital system
- Researched and proposed ideas as to how the hospital could increase community benefit
- Assisted in coordinating community events including Childhood Obesity 5k Walk/Run

Nationwide Children's Hospital (Columbus, OH)

*Government Relations:* February 2008- August 2009

- Wrote and distributed monthly *Legislative Update* publication sent to community members and hospital employees
- Educated elected officials on issues pertinent to pediatric health care

Office of Governor Ted Strickland (Columbus, OH)

*Constituent Affairs Aide:* February 2007- February 2008

- Used written and verbal communication skills to respond to letters, as well as answering phone calls addressing constituent concerns

**EDUCATION:**

The University of Pittsburgh- Pittsburgh, PA December 2010  
MPH, Health Policy and Management, Summa Cum Laude

The Ohio State University- Columbus, OH June 2009  
BA, Political Science, Cum Laude with Honors

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

Possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, along with a talent in networking and relationship building.

**LEADERSHIP POSITIONS & AWARDS**

- Board Member, 2nd Act, 2019- Present
- Cleveland 20/30 Professional Club: 25 Movers & Shakers Under 35, 2023
- Stokes Scholar, Cleveland Leadership Institute, 2017-2018
- Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP) LEAD Young Professionals Program, Class of 2016-2017
- Downtown Cleveland Alliance, City Advocate, Class of 2014-2016
- Former Chair, Professional Development Committee, Cleveland Clinic Group of Aspiring Leaders (GOAL), 2014-2015

**References Available Upon Request**