



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**2:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA**

**4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2015-0057: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of W. Christopher Murray, II, upon his taking the oath of office, as Treasurer of Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. (See Page 3)

**5. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARINGS**

- a) R2015-0060: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michael W. Dever, upon his taking the oath of office, as Cuyahoga County Director of Public Works; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. (See Page 8)
- b) R2015-0066: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Robert J. Triozzi, upon his taking the oath of office, as Cuyahoga County Director of Law; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. (See Page 19)

**6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2015-0057

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Budish</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> confirming the County Executive's appointment of W. Christopher Murray, II, upon his taking the oath of office, as Treasurer of Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, each of the offices provided for in Article V shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to the confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 5.07 of the Charter provides for the powers, duties and qualifications of the County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated W. Christopher Murray, II for the appointment to the position of County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Council has undergone review and scheduled a Confirmation Hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on May 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of W. Christopher Murray, II to the position of County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of W. Christopher Murray, II to serve as County Treasurer upon his taking the oath of office.

**SECTION 2.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 24, 2015

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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**ARMOND BUDISH**  
Cuyahoga County Executive

**MAR 19 2015**  
Cuyahoga County Council

March 13, 2015

Dan Brady, President  
Cuyahoga County Council  
Cuyahoga County Administration Building  
2079 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Treasurer


Dear President Brady:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.07 of the Cuyahoga County Charter, I am pleased to nominate **Mr. W. Christopher Murray, II** as the next Treasurer of Cuyahoga County. Mr. Murray has been with Cuyahoga County working on fiscal and budgetary matters for 25 years. Beginning as a Budget Analyst in the former County Auditor's Office, Mr. Murray has worked diligently up to his current post as Interim Director of the Office of Budget Management (OBM). As Treasurer, Mr. Murray will leverage his managerial skills, operational skills, and financial policy acumen, attained from his time with the County, to ensure accurate and fair oversight over tax revenues and County investment.

Currently, as Interim Director of Budget Management, Mr. Murray manages a \$1.4 billion budget for all County departments and agencies as well as assisting in the policy formation of the budget and planning process. Prior, Mr. Murray was Senior Budget Analyst for OBM overseeing \$700 million in budgets focusing on public works, administration, and public assistance departments and agencies. Mr. Murray's experience and expertise instills the utmost confidence that he can transition to managing and operating the tax policies and processes for the County in the same way that he has helped the Office of Budget Management get the County on the right track fiscally.

Once again, I am proud to nominate Mr. W. Christopher Murray, II as the next Treasurer of Cuyahoga County. I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council's schedule allows. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Laura Roche at 216-443-7181.

Sincerely,

  
Armond Budish  
Cuyahoga County Executive

# W. Christopher Murray, II

Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

*High energy, team-oriented professional with 25+ years of financial/budget experience. Demonstrated ability to produce results in a time-sensitive, high-production environment. Professional skill set includes:*

Staff and Project Management  
Budget Forecasting  
Problem Solving

Financial Analysis  
Fund Accounting  
Excellent oral and written communication

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OF OHIO

1990-Present

### ***Interim Director, Office of Budget Management 2014-Present***

Manages budgets totaling \$1.4 billion for all County departments/agencies.

- Manages the formal allocation of resources to county agencies and elected officials within fiscal resources through formal public process.
- Supervise 11 staff in developing budget reporting including year-end results, monthly updates, quarterly projections, annual budget development and program analysis.
- Manages the issuance of public debt to in order to meet the county's economic and capital planning objectives.
- Manages the process of budget amendments through County Council.
- Provide analysis and sets priorities in administering operating budget, grant funds and special revenue accounts.
- Presents fiscal issues and provides decision support to County Executive, County Council, and county agencies.
- Develops cost/benefit analysis and presents fiscal analysis of state legislation and policies.
- Instrumental in developing the Annual County Budget Plan, for which the County has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Award, from 1987 through 2014.
- Initiates training and development for budget analysts, coordinates workflow and resolves fiscal issues.
- Member of the County Administrative Rules Board.
- Member of the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation.
- Member of the Enterprise Resource Planning implementation team.

### ***Senior Budget Analyst, Office of Budget Management 1998-2014***

Manages budgets totaling \$700 million for public works, administration and public assistance departments/agencies.

- Lead two budget analysts in developing budget forecasts including quarterly projections, annual budget development and program analysis.
- Ensure accuracy of fiscal transactions of 2 to 3 Budget Officers.
- Acts as Director of Budget Management in presenting fiscal issues to County officials and negotiating with outside agencies.
- Initiated budget efficiencies and developed cost allocation methodology for \$12 million County-wide IT function.
- Develops cost/benefit analysis and presents fiscal analysis of state legislation and policies.
- Instrumental in developing the Annual County Budget Plan, for which the County has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Award, from 1987 through 2012.
- Developed policy and procedures for vendor procurement, systems design and implementation for County Budgeting System Development Committee, increasing accuracy and efficiency of budget process.
- Initiates training and development for budget analysts and agency contacts, coordinates workflow and resolves fiscal issues among County's \$1.2 billion budget.

### ***Budget Management Analysis, Office of Budget Management 1993-1998***

- Developed revenue and expenditure projections for budgets totaling \$147.2 million among eight County departments/agencies.
- Assisted less experienced Budget Officers, ensuring accuracy of fiscal transactions and preventing errors.
- Initiated funding policy and procedures for emergency IT procurement.

- Promoted to Senior Budget Analyst in 1998.

***Staff Accountant, Auditor's Office 1992-1993***

- Analyzed fiscal activity of assigned county agencies.
- Assisted with the posting of revenues and expenditures for assigned agencies.
- Assisted with the development of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Review, resulting in industry award.

***Budget Analyst, Auditor's Office 1990-1992***

- Analyzed and reviewed tax budgets submitted by local authorities (cities, villages, schools, libraries).
- Maintained bond amortization schedules for taxing entities.
- Distributed property tax advances to taxing entities.

**EDUCATION**

***B.S. Business Administration, Accounting***, University of Dayton, Dayton Ohio 1989  
***Leadership Academy, Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University***, 2004-2005

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Access), FAMIS (government Financial Accounting Management Information System), and BRASS (governmental budgeting software)

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Volunteer Youth Minister/Leader (Faith Fellowship Church, Macedonia, Ohio); former citizen member Shaker Heights Finance Committee; member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2015-0060

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Budish</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michael W. Dever, upon his taking the oath of office, as Cuyahoga County Director of Public Works; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, each of the offices provided for in Article V shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 5.05 of the Charter provides for the office of the Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Michael W. Dever for the appointment to the position of Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Council has undergone review and scheduled a Confirmation Hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Michael W. Dever to the position of Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of Michael W. Dever to serve as the Director of Public Works upon his taking the oath of office.

**SECTION 2.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.



**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

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Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 24, 2015

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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**ARMOND BUDISH**  
Cuyahoga County Executive

**MAR 19 2015**  
Cuyahoga County Council

March 5, 2015

Dan Brady, President  
Cuyahoga County Council  
Cuyahoga County Administration Building  
2079 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Director of Public Works

Dear President Brady:

Cuyahoga County is in the midst of a revitalization to attract new industry, a younger workforce, and new events and programming to become a national and global player economically and socially. Critical to this revitalization are bold improvements to the County's infrastructure and natural resources. In charge of rebuilding the County's infrastructure is the Director of Public Works, which is mandated per Article V, Section 5.05 of the County Charter. It is my pleasure to nominate **Mr. Michael W. Dever** to outline and implement these bold infrastructure developments as the next Director of Public Works.

For the past 4 years, Mr. Dever has served the County as Deputy Director of Public Works, where he has overseen the consolidation of engineering services, managed the shared services programs provided by the Department of Public Works, and has been involved with maintenance operations of mostly all of the County's facilities, sewers, roads and bridges. In total, Mr. Dever has been involved with the County's public works for nearly 15 years in various capacities. Mr. Dever has also been active in policy as a former Council President and member of Lakewood City Council, where he chaired the Public Works Committee for 5 years. In all, Mr. Dever has the experience, the policy expertise, and the political acumen to outline and implement a bold strategy to make Cuyahoga County's infrastructure system a leader in the region, state, and nationally.

Once again, I am proud to nominate Mr. Michael W. Dever as the next Director of Public Works. I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council's schedule allows. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Laura Roche at 216-443-7181.

Sincerely,

Armond Budish  
Cuyahoga County Executive

# Michael W. Dever

Lakewood, Ohio 44107

## Summary

Senior Administrator with 14 year track record of successfully managing and growing diverse Public Works agencies. Customer service driven with a keen understanding of local governments and the interaction between the legislature and administration. Facilitates regional collaboration through the basic delivery of services.

## Professional Experience

**Maintenance Administrator /Deputy Director  
Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works**

**March 2011-Present**

Managed a staff of over 350 employees, in five Divisions with an annual budget of \$40million.

- Road & Bridge Division-Streamlined the operations consolidating three facilities into one. Expanded services to include assisting the Sewer, Facilities, and Airport Divisions, while maintaining 196 structures/bridges which led to improved bridge rating scores.
- Sewer Division-As part of the County's on-going regional collaboration, expanded sewer services to now include 35 communities. Developed expanded work hours and increased operational tempo. Led the County in negotiating a new collective bargaining contract that capped a planned expansion, resulting in the creation of multiple work shifts. In addition, this enabled the unit to maximize equipment usage from 8hrs a day to 16hrs per day.
- Facility Division- providing a safe, clean, comfortable, work and public service environment utilizing the Building Trades and Custodial staff. Consolidated internal operations and developed a mobile Building Trades staff that successfully planned and constructed multiple office spaces. Effectively utilized grant funding to upgraded building automation systems in the Health and Human Services buildings. Led the Justice Center Assessment study, which included an in-depth review of the conditions and use of the JC buildings, and made recommendations for future needs.
- Fleet Division- Maintaining 380 licensed vehicles and miscellaneous equipment. Consolidated two separate Fleet Maintenance operations into one and developing a secondary work shift. Implemented a fleet-wide GPS vehicle tracking system that improved fleet efficiency, response time, productivity, and accountability.
- Airport Division- Identified inefficiency's and reduced expenditures through attrition and sharing of staff with the Road & Bridge Division. Initiated improvements to the facilities that include replacement of the HVAC and roofing systems

**Deputy to the Sanitary Engineer  
Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineer's Office**

**May 2008-March 2011**

Managed a staff of over 125 employees, with an annual budget of \$25 million.

- Expanded the operations by 29%, which included over \$1 million dollars in additional equipment and manpower. Increasing revenue 30% in 1<sup>st</sup> year.
- Increased the operational tempo of the agency by altering the normal work schedule and the crew's availability by 20%.

- Led the team promoting our regional services to the municipalities, resulting in additional communities joining and expanding our service in others.

**Chief Construction Administrator  
Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office**

**February 2001-May 2008**

Managed a staff of 40 employees, with an annual construction budget of \$30 million.

- Implemented a customized Construction Management System (CMS).
- Enforced Safety and Inspection training updates and developed a record retention program acceptable to State standards.
- Efficiently utilized staff and contracted labor to completed projects, and incorporated consultants in construction efforts, a first for the County at that time.

**Dever Landscaping and Garden House Inc.  
(Dba) Dever and Sons Inc.**

**May 1998- February 2001**

Managed and oversaw all aspects of a family General Contracting Company. Served as Laborer and General Foreman (1988-1998). Learned all field operations in a capacity great enough to encompass all aspects of the organization.

**Education/Certifications**

**Master of Public Administration**

The Maxine Levin School of Urban Affairs  
Cleveland State University

Cleveland, Ohio

**Bachelor of Arts-Political Science**

Slippery Rock University

Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania

**Wastewater Collection System Operator**

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Columbus, Ohio

**Emergency Management Training**

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Emmitsburg, Maryland

**Affiliations and Civic Role**

**Lakewood City Council**

**2003-2009**

- Council President 2008-2009
- Chair of the Public Works Committee 2004-2009
- Chair of the Rules and Ordinances Committee 2003-2004
- Successfully passed legislation and spearheaded the creation of the City wide mandatory recycling program-a first for Cuyahoga County.
- Led the creation of the City's Wind Ordinance
- Former member- Lakewood Hospital Board of Trustees

**Lakewood Civil Service Commission**

**2011-present**

- Civil Service Commission President 2014
- The Commission assumed the duties of the City Council created 'Fair Employment Wage Board', in 2014

# Cleveland State University

College of Graduate Studies

THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE FACULTY HAVE CONFERRED UPON

**Michael William Beyer**

THE DEGREE OF


**Master of Public Administration**

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SATISFACTORY FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENTS  
PERTAINING TO THIS DEGREE CONFERRED AT CLEVELAND, OHIO,

THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND FOUR.

  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY



# Scranton York University of Pennsylvania

By authority of the Council of Trustees and upon the recommendation of the Faculty hereby confers upon

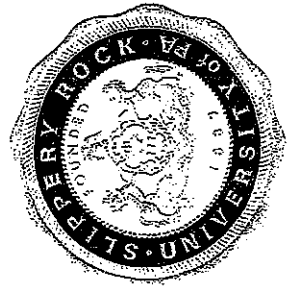
Michael William Deuer

the degree of  
Bachelor of Arts

with all the rights, honors, and privileges appertaining thereto  
In witness whereof, the undersigned have subscribed their signatures and affixed the Seal of the University.

Given this fourteenth day of May, 1988.

*James H. McSannick*  
Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education



*Robert N. Leberstedt*

President of the University

*Charlotte H. Shapiro*

Chairman, Council of Trustees



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency



Be it known that MICHAEL W. DEVER is hereby certified as a

**CLASS I**

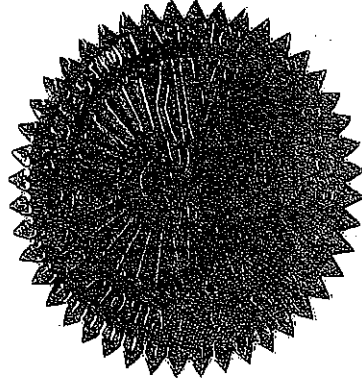
**WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATOR**

HAVING QUALIFIED AS REQUIRED BY LAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS  
ADOPTED BY THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATIVE TO  
OPERATING PERSONNEL OF WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS

This certificate is the property of the State of Ohio and in the event of its suspension, revocation or invalidation for any reason, it must, upon demand, be returned to the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

WC1-1117873-10  
CERTIFICATE NUMBER

In witness whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Environmental Protection Agency, State of Ohio this 11th day of May, 2010 in the City of Columbus.



Chris Paralek

DIRECTOR

# Center for Domestic Preparedness



## FEMA

This is to certify that

**Michael W. Dever**

has reaffirmed a dedication to serve in times of crisis through continued professional development and completion of the:

Emergency Management Institute's ICS-400

**Advanced ICS Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents**

*(14 Contact Hours)*

Issued this 16th day of November, 2011

Scott A. Cerrito  
Trainer

Dr. Christopher T. Jorgens,  
Superintendent  
Center for Domestic Preparedness



# Center for Domestic Preparedness



## FEMA

This is to certify that


**Michael W. Dever**


has reaffirmed a dedication to serve in times of crisis through continued professional development and completion of the:

**Emergency Management Institute's ICS-300  
Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents**

*(18 Contact Hours)*

Issued this 9th day of November, 2011

  
Richard E. Whitehead, Jr.  
Trainer

  
Dr. Christopher T. Jones,  
Superintendent  
Center for Domestic Preparedness

# STATE OF OHIO

Department of Public Safety  
Emergency Management Agency



## Certificate of Completion

This is to acknowledge that

**Michael Dever**

has successfully completed the training  
program requirements for

**G191 ICS/EOC Interface Course**

7.00

Course Hours

Awarded on this 18th day of January 2013

Nancy Dragani, Executive Director  
Ohio Emergency Management Agency

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2015-0066

Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Budish</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> confirming the County Executive's appointment of Robert J. Triozzi, upon his taking the oath of office, as Cuyahoga County Director of Law; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, each of the offices provided for in Article V shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 5.06 of the Charter provides for the office of the Director of Law; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Robert J. Triozzi for the appointment to the position of Director of Law; and

WHEREAS, the Council has undergone review and scheduled a Confirmation Hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Robert J. Triozzi to the position of Director of Law; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of Robert J. Triozzi to serve as the Director of Law upon his taking the oath of office.

**SECTION 2.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided

that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

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On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: April 14, 2015

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_



ARMOND BUDISH  
Cuyahoga County Executive

APR 08 2015  
Cuyahoga County Council

March 3, 2015

Dan Brady, President  
Cuyahoga County Council  
Cuyahoga County Administration Building  
2079 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Director of Law

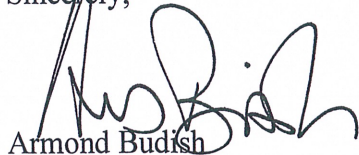
Dear President Brady:

In accordance with Article V, Section 5.06 of the Cuyahoga County Charter, the Director of Law “shall be the legal advisor to and representative of the County Executive and County Council.” The County Director of Law should be someone with an exceptional knowledge of the law, the administrative and managerial skills requisite to lead a large County department, and the relationships with the local criminal justice community to partner with organizations and municipalities regarding adherence to the law and potential areas for shared services. These requisite skills are met and exceeded by the nomination of **Mr. Robert J. Triozzi** as the next Law Director for Cuyahoga County.

Most recently as Senior Counsel at Calfee, Halter, & Griswold, LLP, Mr. Triozzi has been engaged in Northeast Ohio’s legal and political community for over the past 30 years. Notably, Mr. Triozzi has earned the esteem of the legal and political community through his remarkable service as a Cleveland Municipal Court Judge for 10 years, and as the Law Director and Chief Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland for Mayor Frank Jackson’s first term (2006-2011). As Judge, Mr. Triozzi co-founded the Cleveland Municipal Court’s Mental Health, Domestic Violence, and School Truancy Dedicated Dockets. As Law Director and Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Triozzi led a 100-member department that provided legal services to the Mayor, the City Council, and all departments and entities of the City of Cleveland. Furthermore, Mr. Triozzi has worked on issues of code enforcement, real estate and development, regulatory matters, and legislation and finance; of which, all are necessary in the role of County Law Director.

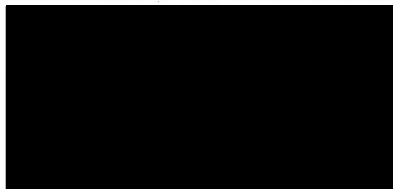
Both, professionally and personally, I am proud to nominate Mr. Robert J. Triozzi as Cuyahoga County’s next Director of Law because he brings the requisite skills, experience, character, and relationships to excel in the position. I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council’s schedule allows. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact my Executive Assistant, Laura Roche at 216-443-7181.

Sincerely,



Armond Budish  
Cuyahoga County Executive

## ROBERT J. TRIOZZI



### EDUCATION:

- 1979 B.A. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (Majors in History and Government)  
1982 J. D. Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2011-present Senior Counsel, *Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP*  
Government Relations and Legislation, Public Law and Finance,  
Litigation, Public-Private Partnerships, White Collar Investigations.
- 2006-2011 Director of Law and Chief Prosecutor, *City of Cleveland*  
Director of 100 member (75 attorney) legal department responsible for  
providing legal services to the Mayor, the City Council and all  
departments, boards and commissions of the City of Cleveland, with direct  
involvement in the following:
- Civil Division – *State and Federal Litigation* including civil-rights claims and allegations of police misconduct; employment law, contractual and construction disputes; environmental protection; and public nuisance, consumer, foreclosure and sub-prime lending actions. *Code Enforcement* civil and criminal prosecutions, including consumer protection, MBE/FBE – Small Business code, and enforcement of building, fire, health, and zoning codes. *Labor and employment*, including collective bargaining negotiations. *Regulatory matters* concerning Division of Water, Cleveland Public Power, and Department of Port Control. *Legislation and Finance*, including prosecution of tax evasion cases. *Real Estate and Development* including real estate and development transactions and collection actions.
  - Criminal Division – Prosecution of all criminal misdemeanor cases in the city including domestic violence, assault, and OMVI. Review and filing of all felony charges and review of police use of deadly force cases. Special programs include the Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit and the Mediation dispute resolution program.
- 1996-2005 Judge, *Cleveland Municipal Court*
- Presided over high volume civil and criminal case docket and trials.

- Published opinions include *Discover Bank v. Owens* (2004), 129 Ohio Misc.2d 71 [Consumer Protection] and *Cleveland v. Broyles* (1996), 83 Ohio Misc.2d 50 [Access to Firearms].
- Co-founder of the Mental Health Court Dedicated Docket, Domestic Violence Dedicated Docket and School Truancy Special Docket.
- Faculty member and lecturer for the Ohio Judicial College and various state-wide bar associations on aspects of law, trial procedure, ethics and professionalism.
- National presenter and lecturer on Domestic Violence (Anaheim, Reno, San Diego, Seattle, Chicago) and School Truancy (New Orleans).

1995 Of Counsel, *Goodman, Weiss, Miller*, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Business litigation involving employment discrimination and contracts.

1993-1994 District Director, Congressman Eric Fingerhut, (Ohio-19)  
*U.S. House of Representatives*, Washington, D.C.  
Senior counsel to Congressman Fingerhut and head of district staff responsible for case management and constituent services in Cuyahoga, Lake and Ashtabula Counties. Represented the Congressman at all district events, meetings, and forums with emphasis on health care reform.

1983-1993 Attorney at Law, *Gardner, McGinty & Stanton*, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Civil and criminal litigation including representation of indigent defendants in capital cases.

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Member, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Government Affairs Council 2013-present  
Member, Cleveland Bench-Bar Committee 2013-present  
Member, Literacy Cooperative of Greater Cleveland, Board of Directors 2008-2014  
Member, Cleveland Bar Foundation, Board of Directors 2007-2013, 2014-present  
Member, Master of the Bench, William K. Thomas Inn of Court 2003-2011  
Member, Cleveland Bar Association, Board of Directors 1999-2002  
Vice-Chair, City of Cleveland Charter Review Commission 2008  
Member, Cuyahoga County Justice Management Reform Committee 2006-2011  
Member, Cleveland Woman's Foundation, Board of Directors 2006-2008  
Chairperson, Ohio Judicial Conference New Judge Mentoring Committee 2003- 2006  
Member, Ohio Judicial Conference Public Confidence and Outreach Committee 2003  
Faculty, Ohio Judicial College, Supreme Court of Ohio 1998-2006  
Member, Supreme Court of Ohio, Domestic Violence Advisory Committee 2002-2006  
Member, Mental Health Advocacy Coalition Committee 2003-present  
Member, Federation for Community Planning, Mental Health Initiative Advisory Committee, 2001- 2003  
Federation for Community Planning, Comprehensive Strategy for Delinquency Prevention and Juvenile Justice Work Group Committee, 1999-2000  
Co-Chairperson, Eighth District Judicial Conference, Government Agencies Committee (2001)

Co-Chairperson, Cleveland Bar Association Education Initiative 1998-2005  
 -Author and coordinator for the annual Cleveland Mock Trial Competition for senior high school students in the Cleveland Municipal School District 1996-2005.  
 -Coordinated proficiency test tutoring program to help students prepare for the citizenship portion of the exam 2000-2005. Pilot program-Martin Luther King, Jr. Law & Public Service H.S. 1997-1999.

Chairperson, Cuyahoga County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, 2001- 2006  
 -Chairperson of the Cleveland Jurisdiction Team DVCC 1999-2000, Member, 1996- present.  
 -Coordinated anti-stalking/dating violence educational workshops for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students of the Cleveland Municipal School district 2000-2005.

Co-chair, Cleveland Municipal Court Mental Health Task Force  
 Engaged in the establishment of court monitored mentally disordered offenders program for misdemeanor offenders 1998-2001

Member, Cuyahoga County Mental Health Court Committee 2002-present  
 Member, Cleveland Summit on Education Strategy Council 1997-1999  
 Member, Cleveland Municipal School District Facilities Assessment Commission 2000-2001

Member, Partnership for a Safer Cleveland Youth Safety Leadership Committee  
 Coordinated special truancy dockets for minor's curfew violators, 1996-99

Board Member, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Metro-Cleveland 2002  
 Board Member, Center for Mental Retardation 2002-2004  
 Board Member, Substance Abuse Initiative of Greater Cleveland 1998-present  
 Board Member, Cleveland Baseball Federation 2002-2006  
 Board Member, St. Augustine Health Campus 1996-2002  
 Leadership Ashtabula Class of 1994  
 Leadership Cleveland Class of 2003

## HONORS:

*Inside Business Magazine*, 2009 Leading Lawyer (2009)  
 Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Society of Benchers (2006)  
 National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter, Public Citizen of the Year (2006)  
 Safe, Disciplined & Drug Free Schools, "Service Award" (2004)  
 Ashtabula Harbor High School Hall of Fame "Career Achievement Award" (2004)  
 Cleveland Bar Association "Justice for All Award" (2003)  
 Domestic Violence Center "Vision Award" (2003)  
 A Cultural Exchange "Community Partnership Award" (2003)  
 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill – Cuyahoga County "Outstanding Community Leadership" (2002)  
 Partnership for a Safer Cleveland, "Vision Award" (1998)  
 Cleveland Bar Association "President's Award" (1998)



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## CERTIFICATE

I, SUSAN B. CHRISTOFF, Director of the Attorney Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the records of the Office of Attorney Services of the Supreme Court and that the Attorney Services Division is responsible for reviewing Court records to determine the status of Ohio attorneys. I further certify that, having fulfilled all of the requirements for admission to the practice of law in Ohio,

Robert James Triozzi

was admitted to the practice of law in Ohio on November 15, 1982; has registered as an active attorney pursuant to the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; is in good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio; and is entitled to practice law in this state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court, this 13th day of March, 2015.

SUSAN B. CHRISTOFF

*Director, Attorney Services Division*

*Terese A. McCoy*  
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