



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



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### **Mayor Andrew J. Ginther**

Mayor Andrew J. Ginther was elected the 53rd mayor of the City of Columbus on Nov. 3, 2015. Mayor Ginther previously served on Columbus City Council from 2007 to 2015, and served as president of Council from 2011 until assuming the Office of Mayor January 1, 2016.

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Mayor Ginther believes that strong distinctive neighborhoods are the foundation of a great city. He is dedicated to lifting up all neighborhoods, especially those cut off from the prosperity Columbus is enjoying. In his first year, Mayor Ginther created the Department of Neighborhoods to consolidate neighborhood liaisons, the Community Relations Commission, Neighborhood Pride and 311 services under one umbrella – a one-stop shop that works as a gateway to community services.

In addition, Mayor Ginther created the position of Chief Diversity Officer, to ensure that the city leads the way in hiring and providing business opportunities for women and minorities.

In his first year in office, the City was awarded the U.S. Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge Grant, making Columbus America's "smart city." Mayor Ginther believes that transportation is the great equalizer and by providing reliable, consistent transportation options, all residents have access to ladders of opportunities for jobs, education and healthcare.

Mayor Ginther is leading the initiative to reduce infant mortality in Columbus because he understands that infant mortality is an indicator of the health of our neighborhoods. Through the collaborative efforts of CelebrateOne, Mayor Ginther has set the goal to reduce the infant mortality rate by 40 percent and cut the racial disparity gap in half by 2020.

Mayor Ginther is also charting the future of early childhood education in Columbus. He is working with Columbus City Schools, community-based providers and private sector leaders to increase access to high-quality prekindergarten, and ultimately to provide universal pre-k for all Columbus children. In the first year of his administration, the Linden Park Early Childhood Center, a first-of-its-kind center that combines early childhood education with a parent engagement center and professional development, opened in one of the city's most vulnerable neighborhoods.

Safety remains a top priority for Mayor Ginther. Under his leadership, police officers have begun wearing body-worn cameras, a tool known to improve interactions between police and the community. The Mayor is also committed to community involvement in safety efforts with the largest bike patrol in the country, neighborhood liaisons and a citizen police academy.

Mayor Ginther is a Columbus native and proud Columbus City Schools graduate, and he has a long history of community service. Prior to joining Columbus City Council, he was elected to the Columbus Board of Education in 2001 and re-elected in 2005.

Mayor Ginther earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science from Earlham College, studied abroad at the University of Ulster and Queen's College in Northern Ireland, and taught at public schools in Belfast and Derry. He also served in consecutive internships at the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, where he taught non-violence and dispute resolution.

Mayor Ginther, wife Shannon and their young daughter live in Clintonville.

