

ELECT Kim Black-Brown

for the 5th Ward Elyria City Council

Dear Family, Friends & Citizens of the 5th Ward:

I am writing this letter to ask for your support for my campaign for the seat of City Council representing the 5th ward in Elyria, Ohio. I am a lifelong resident of Elyria Ohio. I grew up on the west side of Elyria under the guidance of my loving and caring parents James (JC) and Christine Barbee, who were both union workers. We attended Asbury Methodist Church on the southside of Elyria.

My parents were both from the South. My mother was born in Alabama and my father was born in Tennessee. My dad moved to Elyria when he was 18 years old because he wanted to make a better life for himself and his family. His parents Harbert and Mary Odell Barbee were sharecroppers and they moved to Elyria for a piece of the American pie. My grandfather worked for the City of Elyria in the Sanitation Department and my grandmother was a homemaker and they both were lifelong members at Second Baptist Church, on the south side of Elyria.

I have a treasure chest of skills and abilities learned while working the majority of my adult life. I started working at R. W. Beckett Corporation where I was employed as a production worker, Receptionist and Human Resource Assistant. I later went on to work for United States Steel Corporation working in the Human Resource Department as a Benefits Coordinator and a Senior Analyst. I also worked at Oberlin College as the Recruitment and Employment Coordinator.

I have gained a lot of experience working in a diverse workplace, from managing United Way Campaigns, Assistant Girl Scout Troop Leader, Emeritus President International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) — Elyria Chapter, Emeritus Chairman of the Board for the Lorain County American Red Cross. I have helped to raise funds for Nonprofits like El Centro, Blessing House, and Genesis House.

I am a graduate of Elyria West High School where I was in the marching band and a cheerleader. I earned my associate degree at LCCC and earned my bachelor's degree from Tiffin University in Business Administration.

I have gained a lot of problem-solving skills through assisting in negotiating union contracts and helping to resolve employment issues throughout my working career. I look forward to getting to know the citizens in the 5th ward and running a successful campaign.

Sincerely yours,

*Kim
Black-Brown*

Candidate Elect
5th Ward Council