

# City of Cincinnati



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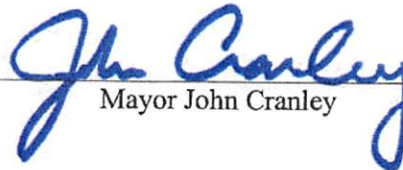
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## APPOINTMENT

I hereby appoint Luke Blocher to the Civil Service Commission for a term of six years.  
This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules.

  
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Mayor John Cranley

## **Luke Blocher**

Luke is an attorney in Taft's Real Estate and Public Finance and Economic Development practice groups. Luke's practice supports all aspect of the development process, including acquisition/disposition, land use/zoning entitlements, financing, and leasing. He also has extensive experience with public finance tools and economic development incentives. Luke's practice spans a variety of uses, including hospitality, industrial, office, multifamily, student housing, retail, and food halls. He also advises municipal governments engaged in real estate development and public finance.

Prior to joining Taft, Luke was the Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Cincinnati, where he was responsible for leading the divisions in that large municipal law department supporting the city's economic development, real estate, municipal finance, land use and planning, and transportation functions. He has also served as a member of the executive leadership team in the Ohio Attorney General's office and as General Counsel and Director of National Strategic Initiatives for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. He began his career at a prominent international law firm.

Luke obtained his J.D. from the Columbia Law School. He received his bachelor's degree in history and political science, *magna cum laude*, from Amherst College, where he also captained the football team.