

METRO COUNCIL VACANCY APPLICATION FORM

KRS 67C.103(6) provides that a person must satisfy the following criteria) to serve as a member of Metro Council:

No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of a consolidated local government council unless he or she is at least eighteen (18) years old, a qualified voter, and a resident within the territory of the consolidated local government and the district that he or she seeks to represent for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the person's election. A council member shall continue to reside within the district from which he or she was elected throughout the term of office.

Please provide the following information:

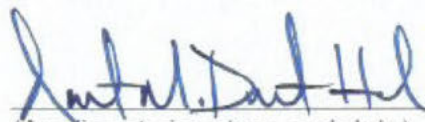
Full Legal Name: Katherine Marie Dittmeier Holm
(First, middle and last names)

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Current residential address: 1228 S. 6th St., Louisville, KY 40203

Length of residence at current address: 7 years, 3 months

By submitting this form, I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct, and I meet all the statutory and constitutional qualifications for the vacant office for which I am applying.

 01/11/2023
(Applicant signature and date)

KATE DITTMEIER HOLM

1228 South Sixth Street • Louisville, Kentucky 40203 • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]

January 11, 2023

Louisville Metro Council
601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Council Members:

I love Louisville, and I love District 6. As a long-time resident of Old Louisville, I seek to channel my energy and passion to help solve problems—big and small—and to empower and inspire my community to do the same. I seek to contribute to making good law and policy that improves people's lives and to be a responsive public servant that nurtures strong relationships and trust with the residents of the district to meet their needs. This is achieved by showing up, listening, and working collaboratively to understand challenges and to think creatively for solutions. While the District 6 councilperson's role is to provide leadership and service, I would also seek to inspire, empower, and organize residents to join me in the work to improve our district, because nothing is accomplished alone.

I went to law school to do public interest work. I wanted to acquire skills and training to tackle big problems that burdened my community and the people living here. As a student, I worked for the Kentucky Innocence Project and Kentucky's state public defender agency, and I began my career as a public defender, working with clients to fix injustices in the criminal legal system by investigating and litigating allegations of constitutional violations. Later, I expanded my practice to include immigration law. I owned and operated my own small firm, giving me experience with both the challenges and satisfaction of owning a small business, and I volunteered my time with La Casita Center's legal clinic. I have met many wonderful people in practice, and there have been many moments of joy and beauty in my work. But the frustrations and struggles I have witnessed stem from people hurting as a result of systems that do not work for everyone. That experience has informed my perspective that good public policy is critical to justice and our collective well-being.

As a mom of two young children, I am knee-deep in the joys and challenges of parenthood. I view policy through that lens and would bring that perspective to council. That perspective is not limited to issues that we might traditionally associate with women and children but looking at all policy issues through the lens of my experience. Parenthood has also cemented my belief in the importance of community and interconnectedness, not only to survive but to solve collective challenges and be our best.

Each District 6 neighborhood is rich with its own history and unique character. District 6 boasts Simmons College—the city's only Historically Black College, the University of Louisville, and Spalding University's athletic fields. We're home to the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, the Speed Art Museum, the Paristown Arts & Entertainment District, and the country's largest collections of Victorian mansions and well-preserved shotgun houses. Alongside the district's exciting and numerous strengths, we face significant challenges presented by a shortage of affordable housing in every housing market area of the district, including University, the West Core, and the Southeast Core. I want to ensure that the Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund continues to be funded after American Rescue Plan dollars are exhausted, explore neighborhood-tailored strategies for supporting affordable housing, and seek to work with the new mayoral administration as it embarks on an ambitious affordable housing plan. We also bear the risk of resident displacement amid revitalization, which requires creative solutions such as strong community benefits agreements to shape inclusive development that is beneficial to the people who live there. I would champion efforts to support equitable development and to remedy the historic lack of investment and environmental contamination in the Park Hill-Algonquin Neighborhood, including supporting on-going community-led efforts. My role would be to listen to the voices of residents and support the community's vision.

Everyone in this city deserves safe, clean, walkable neighborhoods and an environment that supports their well-being and ability to thrive. I would seek to continue supporting and funding the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods and its holistic, public health approach to reduce violence and address its root causes. When you support people's rights to affordable housing, healthcare, education, a living wage, and other essential needs, community safety and well-being follows for everyone. I would approach legislation and budgeting accordingly. My priority would be to ensure that resources are equitably and transparently distributed to make improvements where they are most needed, especially areas that have historically lacked investment.

My professional experience includes using data and evidence-based insights to address challenges and systemic injustice in the criminal legal system. Data and evidence-based insights have the power to unlock solutions that may not be intuitive or obvious. While intuition has its place in public policy development, it can lead us astray at times, especially with issues that are driven by emotion. Data can help re-open old conversations on divisive issues with a fresh perspective to find common ground and to make smart investments in the city budget. If we hope to accomplish anything, we must dialogue with people who have differing world views and experiences. I strive to listen more than I talk, but I also challenge other people when it counts. I am a firm believer that we can find common ground, even with others with whom we differ greatly, and we often have more in common than we might initially think. Dialogue, strong communication, and data-driven solutions can help bridge that divide.

My hope is to have an opportunity to make a positive impact for the district and the city as an engaged, transparent, and accountable council member for District 6 residents.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Dittmeier Holm". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Dittmeier Holm

KATE DITTMEIER HOLM

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Member, KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION, October 2008

Admitted, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, August 2010

Admitted, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY, May 2011

Admitted, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, October 2012

Registered, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION REVIEW, February 2016

Admitted, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT, March 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Data Inspired Defense Staff Attorney, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY, Frankfort, KY

February 2019 – August 2021

- Designed and implemented special data projects, collecting data and research to address systemic criminal legal issues; conducted attorney trainings on using data in litigation and in addressing systemic issues; created informational and resource materials for defenders; litigated civil claims regarding parole decisions; researched and analyzed the impact of criminal convictions on immigration status and advised defenders regarding adverse immigration consequences of potential convictions for non-citizen clients; and conducted trainings on the intersection of criminal and immigration law.

Attorney, THE HOLM LAW FIRM, PLLC, Louisville, KY

August 2017 – February 2019

- Represented clients in a variety of immigration matters, including removal proceedings and family-based immigration petitions, and post-conviction criminal matters.

Attorney, MCCLAIN DEWEES, PLLC, Louisville, KY

June 2015 – August 2017

- Represented clients in a variety of immigration matters, including removal proceedings, family-based immigration petitions, and employment-based petitions, and traffic and criminal matters, including misdemeanor and post-conviction cases.

Staff Attorney, DEPT. OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY, POST-CONVICTION BRANCH, Frankfort & LaGrange, KY

January 2009 – September 2013

- Represented clients across the state in various types of post-conviction litigation, including RCr 11.42 motions, CR 60.02 motions, state and federal petitions for writs of habeas corpus, and declarations of rights.

Law Clerk, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY, POST-CONVICTION BRANCH, LaGrange, KY

May 2006 – August 2006, June 2007 – August 2007, September 2007 – August 2008

Extern, KENTUCKY INNOCENCE PROJECT, Frankfort, KY

September 2007 - May 2008

Clerk, MICHAEL K. BISHOP & ASSOCIATES, Bowling Green, KY

January 2004 - August 2005

EDUCATION

University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY

Juris Doctor, May 2008

- Member, *Journal of Law and Education*, Spring 2006 - Spring 2008
- Note published, *Journal of Law and Education*, October 2007
- Brandeis School of Law National Trial Competition Team, *Spring 2007*
- Brandeis School of Law Intrastate Mock Trial Team, *Fall 2006*
- 2008 U of L Recipient, Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Bar Study Scholarship
- 2005 Recipient, Gwyneth B. Davis Memorial Law Scholarship
- Member, Women's Law Caucus (service organization and mentoring group), *Spring 2006 - Spring 2008*
- Participant, Domestic Violence Initiative: Study assessing efficiency of domestic violence intake center.

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, magna cum laude, May 2005

- Member and Captain, Western Kentucky University Mock Trial Team, *Fall 2003 - Spring 2005*
- Inductee, Western Kentucky University Hall of Distinguished Seniors
- Recipient, Outstanding Junior and Senior Political Science Student Awards
- Beat Reporter, *College Heights Herald* (student newspaper), *Fall 2001 - Spring 2002*
- Vice President and Public Relations Chair, Government and Politics Society, *Fall 2002 - Spring 2003*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Highland Baptist Church, 2005-Present
 - Childcare Volunteer, 2005-2020
 - Young Adult Minister Search Committee, 2008-2009
 - Member, Young Adult Ministry Group, 2009-2011
 - Friends of Shelby Park, 2012-2013
 - Member, Personnel Committee, 2013-2014
 - Member, Ministry Council (elected church business council), 2013-2017
 - Chair, Ministry Council, 2014-2015
 - Trustee, 2014-2015
 - Member, Sanctuary Church Task Force, 2017-2018
 - Group Leader, Parenting for Progress Community Group, 2017-2020
- Parent Representative, School-Based Decision Making Council, Coleridge-Taylor Elementary, 2017-2019
- Volunteer Attorney, La Casita Center, 2017-2019
- Assistant Cross Country Coach, Bloom Elementary, 2022
- Member, Garvin Gate Neighborhood Association
- 2023 Class, Emerge Kentucky