

# 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 \*** Taylor Dylan McGovern U'Sellis

**Date of Birth \*** 

**Current Residential Address \***   
1611 Beechwood Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40204  
United States

**Length of residence at current address** 2 years, 6 months

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**Attach your resume \***



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**Name \*** Taylor McGovern U'Sellis

**Email \*** 

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. [unclear]". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M" and a final flourish.

To the members of the Louisville Metro Council:

I am writing to express my sincere interest in filling the recently vacated District 8 Council seat. As a lifelong resident of the district, I am uniquely qualified to serve my neighborhood. I believe in the power of our communities and want to give voice to the residents of my own community. While I know you have my resume, I want to use this letter to highlight some personal and professional experiences that showcase my readiness to perform the duties of a Council member.

I have spent my entire career helping marginalized students get access to higher education at both Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC) and the University of Louisville (UofL). In my roles at these institutions, I spent a large amount of time serving students and their families directly. I still, to this day, meet with students for several hours a week in order to connect them to the resources they need at our institution. This mirrors quite nicely what a Council person does with their constituents. While I know that Council members frequently engage in policy creation, I also know they spend a large amount of time meeting with and helping constituents find the resources they need from our government. It is crucial that we have service-oriented people like myself in these roles because Council members are the face of our local government in their communities.

Another large part of my career has been focused on creating and implementing policy that benefits marginalized populations. One of my first jobs in higher education was as the Director of New Student Orientation at JCTC. I was the first person to serve in this role so I created the entire program from scratch, including all of the policies tied to it. Those policies needed to be equitable to all students, as JCTC opens its doors to anyone seeking an education. At UofL, I founded the Parenting Network during 2020 to give parents working at home with kids a place to build community and advocate. This Network went on to help craft the university's remote work policy which, as a result of our advocacy, is inclusive of working parents. These are just two examples of my policy making experience, which I know is crucial to a Council member's job, as you are the legislative arm of our city's government.

I hope this letter highlighted for you my experience in both service and policy. If appointed, I would work tirelessly to ensure that the voices of all residents of District 8 are heard and that their needs are addressed. I am committed to working collaboratively with other Council members, city officials, and community leaders to find creative solutions to the challenges facing our district and our city. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve the people of District 8 and to make a positive impact on our community.

In community,



**Service**

**Bloom Elementary PTA, Board Member**  
 2021-Present

**Early Learning Campus Family Org., Board Member**  
 2019-2022

**UofL Parenting Network, Founder + Past-President**  
 2020-Present

**Eviction Prevention, Volunteer**  
 2020-2021

**55,000 Degrees, Project Leader**  
 2014-2018

**College Personnel Association of KY, President**  
 2014-2017

**American College Personnel Association, Vice Chair**  
 2012-2014

**Honors**

**Emerge KY**  
 Class of 2023

**Cardinal Leadership Institute**  
 UofL, 2021

**Outstanding Chapter Leader Award**  
 ACPA, 2018

**Outstanding Supervisor of Students Award**  
 UofL, 2012

**Staff Member of the Year**  
 UofL, 2012

**Residential Community Award**  
 College of Charleston, 2009

**Graduate Scholar Award**  
 College of Charleston, 2008

**Colonel Scholar**  
 Centre College, 2004-2008

**Experience**

**University of Louisville**

Assistant Director of Admissions 2013-Present

- Advocate for transfer and adult students within the university
- Maintain scholarship programs for transfer and adult students, creating access for this marginalized group of students
- Guide prospective students through the college application process from applying to matriculating, ensuring equal access for all applicants
- Create comprehensive communication plans for transfer and adult applicants and admits
- Supervise a team of recruiters

**Jefferson Community & Technical College**

Associate Director of Admissions 2016-2018

- Position created for my promotion
- Created all new student recruitment and retention efforts for JCTC through in person events and virtual marketing
- Advocated for community college students at university and city-wide educational workgroups
- Supervised a team of recruiters and coordinators

Assistant Director of Admissions 2013-2016

- Created the first-ever orientation program for the college with support from the Achieving the Dream Network, focused on access and equity for community college students
- Worked with a citywide task force, 55,000 Degrees, as a representative from JCTC to promote education attainment in Louisville
- Transitioned students from recruitment to student success through the onboarding process of orientation, ensuring their needs were met along the way
- Supervised team of three Orientation Coordinators and varying student leaders

**University of Louisville**

Residence Life Coordinator 2011-2013

- Worked to support students in residence halls at the university
- Supervised and mentored a group of student staff (Graduate Assistants, Resident Assistants and Desk Assistants)
- Created programming to help new residential students acclimate to university life
- Maintained the selection and training of all student staff

**Education**

2014 **University of Louisville**  
 M.Ed. College Student Personnel

2010 **College of Charleston**  
 M.A. English Language & Literature

2008 **Centre College**  
 B.A. English

**Proud Graduate of JCPS**

