

Representative Michael F. Curtin

17th House District



In November 2012, Mike Curtin was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives for the 17th District, an area that covers much of West and South Columbus, including the Hilltop and Westgate; Franklin Township; Marble Cliff; San Margherita; Valleyview; and portions of Hamilton Township.

Representative Curtin sought his seat in the Ohio House of Representatives first and foremost to actively serve the people of the 17th District by listening to their concerns, working alongside them for jobs, economic opportunity, positive youth programs, neighborhood improvements and public safety.

Additionally, working to promote civility and bipartisanship in the effort to address Ohio's problems is a priority for Representative Curtin. He believes there must be more efforts to counter the shrill, overly partisan behavior that undermines public confidence in government. This principle is the foundation of his approach to serving the people of the 17th District and the state of Ohio.

As a freshman legislator, Representative Curtin serves on three committees in the Ohio House: Economic Development and Regulatory Reform; Policy and Legislative Oversight; and Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Representative Curtin is retired from The Dispatch Printing Company after a 38-year career as reporter, public affairs editor, managing editor, editor, associate publisher, chief operating officer, vice chairman and consultant.

He began his career with The Dispatch in 1973 as a general assignment reporter. For 18 years, most of his reporting career, he specialized in the coverage of state and local government, public policy and politics. His beats included Columbus City Hall, Franklin County government, the Ohio General Assembly and local and state political campaigns.

In 1985, Representative Curtin became the newspaper's chief political writer, public affairs editor and director of The Dispatch Poll. In October 1994, he became the paper's executive managing editor. He was promoted to editor in December 1995 and associate publisher in July 1998.



Representative Curtin was named president of The Dispatch Printing Company in January 1999, chief operating officer in 2002 and vice chairman in 2005. On December 31, 2007, he retired from the executive suite. From January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011, as associate publisher emeritus, he served as a consultant to The Dispatch on civic and community affairs and provided research and advice on subjects of editorial interest.

Representative Curtin is the author of The Ohio Politics Almanac, 1st and 2nd editions, published by Kent State University Press. He also is author of the chapter, "The O'Neill-DiSalle Years, 1957-1963," in the book Ohio Politics, published by Kent State University Press. He has written several speeches on key issues that have been published in the monthly magazine Vital Speeches of the Day.

In civic and community service, Representative Curtin has served on the boards of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Newspaper Association, the Mount Carmel Health System, the Mount Carmel College of Nursing, the YMCA of Central Ohio, the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation, the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio Dominican University and Prevent Blindness Ohio.

Representative Curtin is a native of Columbus, a graduate of Bishop Watterson High School (1969) and a graduate of the Ohio State University School of Journalism (1973). He and his wife, Sharon Curtin, have been married for 37 years and reside in the Village of Marble Cliff; they have two children and two grandchildren.

Representative Curtin is a licensed umpire for the Ohio High School Athletic Association. He umpires high-school baseball and fastpitch softball games throughout central Ohio.