



Members and Guests are Invited to our Annual Dinner Meeting and Forum:

Our Thriving Communities

Thursday, February 19, 2015

Doubletree by Hilton

6200 Quarry Lane

Independence, Ohio 44131

216.447.1300

**NEW
FORUM
LOCATION**

Registration: 5:30 pm

Dinner Served: 6:00 pm

Program Begins: 6:15 pm

Speaker Presentation: 7:00 pm

Questions & Answers: 8:00 pm

Please join us as our guest speaker; Jim Rokakis, Director of the Thriving Communities Institute, an urban program of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy; offers an overview of how the mortgage crisis impacted all of Northeast Ohio and ultimately created opportunities to transform unproductive and vacant land for reuse, redevelopment, economic growth and bring additional green space to our cities.

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When registering, please leave your name, city, phone number, whether you are a NOCCA member or guest, and your meal preference of chicken or vegetarian.

NOCCA members, along with one invited member city guest, attend FREE!

There is a \$25.00 cost for non-members.

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GUEST SPEAKER:



JIM ROKAKIS
Director, Thriving Communities Institute
Western Reserve Land Conservancy

As Director of the Thriving Communities Institute, the urban program of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Jim Rokakis is currently involved in a variety of activities, including the establishment of the County Land Banks throughout Ohio and working with communities in Columbus and Washington, D.C. to raise funds to deal with distressed properties. Elected as the youngest member of Cleveland City Council at age 22, Jim embarked on a 19-year tenure that reversed neighborhood blight, redeveloped Downtown Cleveland and created the Cleveland Housing Court.

After taking office in 1997 as Cuyahoga County Treasurer, he streamlined the foreclosure process for abandoned properties and was the driving force behind the bill that allowed for the creation of the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation, also known as the Cuyahoga County Land Bank.

Local and national organizations have recognized Jim for his efforts in strengthening neighborhoods and communities. He is the recipient of countless awards including the NeighborWorks America Local Government Service Award, the Leadership in Social Justice Award from Greater Cleveland Community Shares and was named the County Leader of the Year by American City and County Magazine. He was also featured on the CBS Program "60 Minutes" and wrote the cover story for the Washington Post's Outlook section in February 2012.

Mr. Rokakis has a long and proud history of public service that has impacted and benefited residents, neighborhoods and communities throughout Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, NE Ohio and throughout the State.

Jim earned his undergraduate degree at Oberlin College and his Juris Doctorate from Cleveland-Marshall School of Law. Married with three children, he lives in Rocky River.

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