

Southwest Area Commission
2154 Gantz Road
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Election Rules

Election Date: (Date) at the local National Night Out Event or at the regular meeting in November if the NNO event has not taken place by the 1st of November.

Election Time: 6pm – 8pm

Number of Open Seats: Three

Eligible Voters: Any resident of the City of Columbus, 18 years of age or older who resides within the boundaries of the Southwest Area as defined in the Bylaws.

Eligible Candidates: Any resident of the City of Columbus, 18 years of age or older who resides within the boundaries of the Southwest Area as defined in the Bylaws who has submitted their Name, Address, Phone Number and Bio by the last day of the month before the election to the election committee by email, in person or by US Mail. All requests to be included on the ballot must be received by the last day of the month prior to the election and the Chair of the Election Committee will verify that the candidate meets all the required criteria.

Ballots: All eligible voters who request a ballot between 6pm and 8pm on election night will be able to cast up to three total votes. Voters may only cast one vote per candidate on the ballot but are not required to cast all three votes. If a voter chooses to vote for more than one person, they will rank their choices 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Each voter will provide the election committee member conducting the election with his or her name and address. The voter will be given a numbered ballot and will be able to cast their vote(s). The Chair of the Election Committee will verify all voters' addresses are within the City of Columbus and the boundaries of the Southwest Area following the election. If a voter is not eligible their vote will not be counted.

Election Results: Once all the votes cast by eligible voters are counted the three individuals who received the greatest number of total votes will win the election. In the event of a tie the Chair of the Election Committee will determine which candidate who is part of the tie received the greatest number of 1st place votes to break the tie. The chair of the Election Committee will contact all candidates in writing or email and by telephone to inform them of the results of the election. Newly elected Commissioners will commence their term at the annual Commission meeting which is the next regular meeting held the 2nd Tuesday after the election.