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## **Jason Wood Sworn in as Chief of Sustainability**

**CLEVELAND** – Jason Wood was sworn in today by Mayor Frank G. Jackson as the new Chief of the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability. Wood previously served as Chief of Public Affairs for the Department of Public Utilities, where he managed community engagement, legislation, communications and government affairs for Cleveland Water, Cleveland Public Power (CPP) and Cleveland Water Pollution Control (WPC). [Click here](#) to view photos of the swearing in. To view Wood’s official headshot, [click here](#).

“Jason Wood has been an active participant in Cleveland’s sustainability community,” said Mayor Jackson. “As the Chief of Public Affairs for the Department of Public Utilities, he worked diligently to make Cleveland greener and more sustainable.”

In addition, Wood provided direct policy support to all areas of the department. He worked in a variety of sectors including: water equity, sustainability, water quality, Cleveland Water operations, CPP financial performance and WPC operations. Wood led special projects assigned by the Director of Public Utilities including: serving as the departmental lead on the 2018 Cleveland Climate Action Plan Update, improving how Cleveland Water communicated risks associated with lead in drinking water and updating the utilities information in the City’s Emergency Operations Plan. He also monitored and provided analysis on State and Federal regulatory policy changes and advised the Director on the development of internal operational improvements.

Prior to his appointment as Chief of Public Affairs, Wood worked on Cleveland Water’s Customer Service Turnaround Project as the Deputy Project Manager – providing contractor oversight, internal policy review, process mapping and analysis support, performance measure development, and taking the lead on all communication issues to ensure that employees, customers, and governmental partners were kept informed about the status and progress of the Turnaround Project. He has also played a vital role in helping Cleveland Water implement the Automated Meter Reading Project.

Wood also served as Special Assistant to Mayor Frank G. Jackson for Policy and Research. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (Ph.D.) from the University of Cincinnati. Additionally, he holds a Master of Applied Politics from the University of Akron

and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Economics from Kent State University. Wood currently serves on the U.S. Water Alliance's Water Equity Taskforce, One Water Council and Board of the Cleveland 2030 District.

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