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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Chosen for Rodel Fellowship Class of 2023

Highly selective program brings together promising leaders to share innovative ideas, broaden impact of positive change in communities across the nation

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein today announced his selection into the Rodel Fellowship Class of 2023. The Rodel Fellowship is the nation's premier leadership development program for elected leaders. Each year, the program selects 24 outstanding state and local-level leaders, divided between the political parties, to come together for a series of seminars over a two-year period. Working with leading scholars as moderators, the fellows read and discuss classic texts dealing with ethical values, democratic principles and wise and effective leadership strategies.

“At a time when so much of politics seeks to divide us, it’s important to come together where we can to advance our shared values and build better communities,” said Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein. **“It’s an honor to be selected as a 2023 Rodel Fellow, and I look forward to participating in dialogue that cuts through the usual political rhetoric and gets to the heart of why so many of us got into public service to begin with—to better the lives of those we serve.”**

Since its founding in 2005, the Rodel Fellowship has helped nearly 400 state and local elected officials reach their full potential as public servants. These fellows have gone on to serve as United States senators, governors, mayors, party leaders, Cabinet secretaries, members of Congress, and Vice President of the United States.

Notable alumni include Vice President Kamala Harris, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, California Gov. Gavin Newsom, Georgia politician Stacey Abrams, former Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley, former Ohio Democratic Party Chair David Pepper, the Executive Director of Emily’s List, Emily Cain, former GOP Chairman Michael Steele, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush, Former Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof and Ohio Sen. Matt Dolan.

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