

## Michael D. Polensek

### Government



Councilman Polensek graduated from Collinwood in January of 1969. Michael's mother and two sisters also graduated from Collinwood. While attending high school he played freshman, junior and varsity football and had the unique opportunity to play on the 1967 unbeaten East Senate Championship Football Team that played in the famous Thanksgiving Day Charity Game at Cleveland Lakefront Stadium.

Michael attended Tri-C-Metro campus through the Cleveland Scholarship Program where he studied Industrial Management.

In 1977 he was elected to Cleveland City Council representing Ward 26. Prior to that, he worked in the field of social service in youth development. In January of 1982 he became Councilman of Cleveland's Ward 11 which represents the Collinwood area. During this time he served on numerous committees. At present he is Chairman of Cleveland City Council's Public Safety Committee which oversees the budget and legislation for the Dept. of Police, Fire, E.M.S., Traffic Engineering and the Dog Kennel.

As a six term Councilman, Michael has provided progressive civic leadership, and has been the recipient of numerous civic awards including being selected as the Collinwood Slovenian Home 1990 "Man of the Year", but his greatest personal honor was in Nov. of 1985 when he was re-elected to his fourth term by receiving more votes than any other Councilman in Cleveland.