

Stanley E. Gates, II

DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT
AFFAIRS



Stanley brings a dynamic approach to government affairs and public policy to his role at Shumaker Advisors. As the former Director of Community Engagement for Columbus City Council, Stanley's leadership skills have been instrumental in shaping transformative initiatives that will make a difference in the community for decades to come.

Stanley's commitment to social change is informed by his academic background, holding a Master of Arts in Education Policy from The Ohio State University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Howard University. In more than six years working for the City of Columbus, Stanley led and championed initiatives such as:

- Spearheading Columbus City Council's zoning reform outreach strategy, which mobilized thousands of residents to actively participate in the city's equitable growth planning
- Providing high school seniors with accessible pathways to higher education through Columbus Promise
- Developing comprehensive housing agendas that earned national recognition for promoting diversity and equity

Outside of work, Stanley is actively involved in his community, serving on multiple boards. In his free time, he enjoys traveling the world and spending time with family and friends.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

SERVICE LINE

Public Policy and Government Affairs

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Public Sector

PRIMARY LOCATION

Columbus, OH

EDUCATION

M.A., Educational Policy, The Ohio State University

B.A., Political Science, Howard University

- Franklin County Democratic Party, Executive Committee Member, July 2024-Present
- Besa, Board Member, November 2024-Present
- Africentric Personal Development Shop, Board Member, October 2020-Present
- African American Leadership Academy, Fellow, January 2022-October 2022

HONORS

- National League of Cities City Cultural Diversity Award, 2024
- Paula Silver Case Award, 2020