

**Edward W. Rybka, Esq.**, is the City of Cleveland's Chief of Regional Development appointed by Mayor Frank G. Jackson in July of 2014. Edward Rybka reports directly to Mayor Jackson and is responsible for providing leadership to several City departments including Building and Housing, City Planning, Community Development, Economic Development and Port Control which includes Cleveland's airports, Burke Lakefront and Hopkins International.

As Chief of Regional Development, Rybka advances Mayor Jackson's vision for citywide and regional development issues and advises the Mayor on economic development projects downtown and in surrounding city neighborhoods.

Enhancing Cleveland's public realm has been a major focus of Mayor Frank G. Jackson. Chief Rybka in collaboration with other members of the mayor's administration, private developers and non-profits, recently oversaw completion of the \$50 million reconstruction of downtown's Cleveland Public Square. A \$30 million retrofit of the main terminal building at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and the construction of phase I of the North Coast Harbor Lakefront Development.

Edward Rybka has been engaged in Cleveland city government for over thirty five years. After serving as City Councilman representing the Broadway Avenue - Slavic Village area of the City for approximately twenty years, Mayor Frank G. Jackson appointed Ed Rybka Director of the Department of Building and Housing for the City of Cleveland in 2006. As Director of the Department, Rybka focused on remediating thousands of vacant, abandoned and blighted properties that have flooded the neighborhoods of the city of Cleveland. In addition, efficiencies were implemented to improve the predictability and quality of the construction project plan review and permitting business processes of the Department. In April 2014, Ed Rybka served for two months as the Acting Planning Director for the City.

Rybka has also served as President of the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan; President of Lourexis Inc., an affordable elderly housing complex; and Trustee of the former St. Alexis Hospital.

Rybka is a graduate of John Carroll University; Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and is a member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 1993. Rybka and his wife, Janine, who is the Executive Administrator of the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, are parents to two children, Keith and Hallie. Ed and Jan reside at historic Moreland Courts in Cleveland's Shaker Square Neighborhood.