David J. Berger Biographical Information

Dave, a native of Mansfield, Ohio, moved to Lima in 1977 to become the director of a non-profit community development agency. He worked in that position until August 31, 1989 when he resigned to campaign in the General Election for the position of Mayor. Dave was sworn into office for his first term as Lima's Mayor on December 5, 1989. On the December 1, 2017 Dave began an unprecedented eighth 4-year term. The Berger Administration has a successful track record of collaborating with others throughout Lima and Allen County and creating positive community change, with Lima experiencing (pre-Covid) its strongest economy in more than 40 years.

Dave has been a member of the US Conference of Mayors since 1990, and now serves as a Co-Chair of the Mayors Water Council.

Dave is a graduate of Catholic University of America with a BA and MA in philosophy. He also holds certification in community economic development from the Development Training Institute of Baltimore, Maryland.

Dave and his wife, Linda, have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

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