

Biography

Pete Crossland is currently serving as Vice President of Summit County Council and was recently elected as an At-Large Member.

He began his first term on County Council as an At-Large Member in 1988. He was then elected as the District 4 representative, serving from 1993 to 2006. District 4 is composed of portions of west, north and central Akron.

Prior to his service on Summit County Council, Crossland was as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 1973 to 1983. In 1983, he was appointed Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Youth Services by Governor Richard Celeste.



Crossland earned a B.A. from Miami University in 1959. He attained a B.D. from Yale University in 1963 and a Ph.D. from Duke University in 1966. From 1966 to 1995, Crossland was a Professor of Political Science at Kent State University. He is currently a Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Kent State University.

Pete Crossland has served on the following committees on Summit County Council:

- Finance Committee, Chair
- Planning, Buildings and Economic Development
- Public Safety and Justice
- Personnel and Intergovernmental Services
- Human Services
- Public Works
- Rules

While a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, Crossland authored 17 Bills that were enacted into Ohio Law and also served as chairman of the House Finance and Human Service Committees.

As a County Councilman, Crossland has championed efforts to establish fiscal stability for the County by pushing through, and then removing a temporary tax. In 2001, he received an Environmental Awareness Award, presented by the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District, for his distinguished leadership on innovative riparian legislation.