

# Panelist Bio

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## Senator Hearcel Craig

**Ohio Senate Assistant Minority Leader  
District 15**

State Senator Hearcel F. Craig (D-Columbus) is honored to represent District 15 and serves as Assistant Minority Leader in the Ohio Senate. He holds the position of Ranking Member on the Insurance, Veterans, and Public Safety Committee, and is also a member of the Finance, Medicaid, Select Committee on Housing, Joint Property Tax Review and Reform, and Rules & Reference committees.



Prior to his legislative career, Senator Craig held several impactful roles, including legislative liaison for the Ohio Department of Youth Services, Director of Recruitment & Admissions for City Year, and Columbus City Councilmember.

Senator Craig earned a Master of Science in Administration degree from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from Franklin University. Additionally, he pursued studies at Ashland Theological Seminary as part of their Master of Divinity program.

Senator Craig proudly served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1972. In 2015, he was honored with induction into the Military Order of the Purple Heart for his steadfast support of veterans.

Senator Craig and his wife, Linda, have four children, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He continues his commitment to community as an Associate Minister at the First Church of God while advocating for Ohioans in his role as Assistant Minority Leader in the Ohio Senate.

