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Matt is responsible for research, development, and implementation of effective social investments that strengthen and improve the community. He provides leadership to advance the Foundation's efforts currently focused on the Weinland Park neighborhood. Matt's depth of knowledge and experience in urban planning and community development helps position the Foundation to be one of Columbus' leaders in this area of community need.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Matt was a researcher with the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University since 2009. While at Kirwan, Martin produced the Institute's award-winning documentary, *Free To Ride*, and has conducted community assessments with partners around the country to help them understand spatial patterns of vulnerability and how to make their communities more sustainable by improving access to opportunity for their most marginalized members. He also managed the 2014 study of Franklin County seniors and was the lead author of the subsequent report "Meeting the Challenges of an Aging Population With Success." Prior to joining the Kirwan Institute, Martin was a regional planner with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission in Dayton, where he worked on land use policy, transportation planning, and regional development.

Matt holds a bachelor's degree in Urban Affairs and a minor in African and African American Studies from Wright State University, and a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University.

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