

Biography



Director Lydia L. Mihalik

Lydia Mihalik is the Director of the Ohio Department of Development, which is responsible for investing more than \$1 billion annually in communities, businesses, and individuals to contribute to a better life for all Ohioans.

Prior to her appointment by Governor DeWine, Director Mihalik served as the 55th Mayor of the City of Findlay in northwest Ohio. The first woman to hold the city's top post, she led the revitalization of the city's downtown, attracting new job-creators from around the world. Findlay has been recognized as the top micropolitan in the nation by Site Selection Magazine for economic development and job creation since 2013, winning the national award every year during Mihalik's tenure.

Director Mihalik has a proven track record as an inclusive leader who brings people together to address large, complex issues. She served on the advisory board for the bipartisan U.S. Conference of Mayors, and she co-founded the Ohio Mayors Alliance, a coalition of the mayors of Ohio's 30 largest cities.

Director Lydia Mihalik and her husband Drew live in Findlay with their three children: Joseph, Elizabeth, and Delaney.