Hi, my name is Ernest L. Smith, your Ward 3 councilman. We have been making significant progress to keep Ward 3 clean, but some people feel that East Cleveland is their dumping ground. Many people come to East Cleveland to dump their trash. This must STOP! Over the past year since I have been your Ward 3 councilman, we have caught many illegal dumpers, and they have been punished. One thing I know is that I can't fight this battle alone, so I need your help. If you see any illegal dumping, I'm begging you to call my phone at (216) 925-0957 or call the police department at (216) 451-1234. You can also try to safely get a license plate number. We must stick together and protect our city from these disrespectful dumpers. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help clean the great City of East Cleveland, our community organization, OPN, is looking for volunteers to help clean the great City of East Cleveland.
DEMOLITION
Since I've been your Ward 3 councilman, I have been working extremely hard to improve the quality of life in Ward 3 and all across the great City of East Cleveland. I have been going around the city identifying properties that need to be demolished. We have demolished over 70 dilapidated vacant homes and 5 buildings in Ward 3 since 2016. As you can see, many vacant homes are coming down fast. I understand that you may have a house or a building near you that’s in need of demolition. Trust me we are coming. We ask that you have a little patience. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call at 216-925-0957.

“These are a few of the houses in Ward 3 that were demolished for the benefit of the people.”
LETS KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!!!

OPN Cardinal Watch Program is looking for VOLUNTEERS to watch over and protect the school children of East Cleveland by being visible on the streets near all schools. OPN Cardinal Watch hours are: 7:00 a.m.– 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. For more details, please contact East Cleveland City Council Vice President Ernest L. Smith at (216) 925-0957 or Alex Winegarner at (216) 970-4545. Thousands of children go missing each year in the United States. David Finkelhor, Director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire, said, “Parents should work on having a strong relationships with their children. When relationships with children deteriorate, dangers really come into play.” So when children’s relationships with their parents aren’t strong, their communication breaks down, and that makes them vulnerable to predators. It is important that every adult takes responsibility for the health and safety of all of our children.
It’s not where you live, it’s how you live.

16 year old open letter about the councilman

“We, the people, have a new Ward 3 city councilman who is on the streets everyday with new programs to serve the HEALTH, INTERESTS, RIGHTS, & NEEDS of the GREAT people of East Cleveland. He is one of our own. He is Ernest L. Smith. WHY ARE YOU NOT OUT THERE WITH HIM? I’m only 16 years old, & I see that our concerns are his concerns. Why do some people act like they are afraid to protect our neighborhoods? Afraid to protect our children, afraid to protect our elders, and afraid to protect our women. Lets take back our neighborhoods, so that elders, women, and children can walk the streets without being afraid. Show us young guys on the block you care. Most of us will respect you and show you love back.”

With love,

A concerned 16 year old resident