

Joe Cimperman served 18 years on Cleveland City Council, where he distinguished himself as a champion of the diverse peoples and cultures of Greater Cleveland. He has served as president of Global Cleveland since 2016.

Cimperman grew up in a Slovenian-speaking household on E. 74th Street in Cleveland's St. Clair-Superior neighborhood. He began the first of seven terms on Cleveland City Council in 1997. His diverse ward included downtown businesses and corporate offices as well as the cultural centers of Asiatown, Tremont, Ohio City and his old stomping grounds, St. Clair-Superior.