Qualls, Seitz to share roots

What do liberal Democrat, Downtown resident and Cincinnati vice mayor Roxanne Qualls and conservative, Republican West Sider and state Rep. Bill Seitz have in common? We’re not sure, but we suspect, since both have worked the better part of their careers in public service, that they care about making their communities better places to live.

We’ll find out more when the two of them kick off a series of “Side by Side” appearances meant to take the edge off of our political conversation.

The “Side by Side” program is the work of a civic group called Beyond Civility, which is promoting constructive ways to carry on public dialogue.

The series will feature pairs of public figures from two political parties, a Republican and a Democrat, answering questions about the early formation of their political identities.

Beyond Civility founders call the public series “an antidote to the contentious and sometimes toxic national political rhetoric that is serving to polarize our society.”

Getting to know our public officials on a more personal level could lead to a more civil and constructive government, they believe.

Three more sessions with other Greater Cincinnati leaders are planned for January, February and March.

The details for the first one:  

» Where: College Theatre, College of Mount St. Joseph, 5701 Delhi Road.

» When: Monday, Nov. 12, 6:30 to 8 PM. Light refreshments available starting at 6 PM.

» Admission: Free with advance reservations. Call 513-244-4220.

More information is available at beyondcivility.org.

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