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Advisory Board Application - Submission #6685

Date Submitted: 7/7/2022

First Name*

Lori

Last Name*

McLamb

Date*

7/7/2022

Select today's date

Address1*

102 Legends Way

Address2

City*

Chapel Hill

State

NC

Zip*

27516

Is this address located within the corporate limits of the Town of Carrboro?*

Yes

Please select Yes or No.

Is this address located within the Town's ETJ, Planning Jurisdiction, or Northern Transition Area?*

Northern Transition Area

Telephone (111)-111-1111*

9043863677

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

Email Address*

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Enter your primary email address.

The demographic information provided below is of interest because your elected officials want the Town's advisory boards to reflect the diversity of the Town. Diversity of the applicant pool is a priority of the Board.

What Year Were You Born?*

1971

Race*

White

Please enter your race.

Sex*

Female

Please enter your sex.

Ethnicity*

White

Occupation*

Physician Assistant

Please enter your occupation.

Are you a registered Orange County Voter?*

Yes

Please answer Yes or No

Length of Residence in Orange County*

12 years

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro*

12 years

How long have you been a resident of the Town of Carrboro?

I wish to be considered for appointment to the following committee/board(s) (Select no more than two (2)):

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| ☐ Affordable Housing Advisory Commission | ☒ Greenways Commission |
| ☐ Appearance Commission/NPDC | ☒ Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee |
| ☐ Arts Committee | ☐ OWASA Board of Directors |
| ☐ Board of Adjustment | ☐ Planning Board |
| ☐ Climate Action Team | ☐ Racial Equity Commission |
| ☒ Community Safety Task Force | ☐ Recreation and Parks Commission |
| ☐ Economic Sustainability Commission | ☐ Stormwater Advisory Commission |
| ☐ Environmental Advisory Board | ☐ Tourism Development Authority* |
| ☐ Human Services Commission | ☐ Transportation Advisory Board |

Please note that membership is limited to one advisory board at a time. You shall not be considered for appointment to another board unless you resign before filing an application or you are in the last six months of your current term.

Advisory Board Preference*

Community Safety Task Force

Please indicate your preference by typing your first choice. Please limit your selection above to two boards).

Other (advisory board not listed):

Please indicate by typing the advisory board that you are applying for.

****Employer/Self Employed**

currently in between jobs

Please enter your employment information. This is a requirement for application for the Tourism Development Authority.

Number of Years Employed

N/A

Enter the number of years you have been employed at the organization listed to the left.

**** Provide examples of how you are involved in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Carrboro.**

N/A

**Required only for the Tourism Development Authority Application. **

Community Activities/Organizational Memberships*

Iâ€™ve been an active organizer and supporter of the Walk/Bike to School Day. Iâ€™ve worked with the community and schools as a trained instructor for Stop the Bleed. I am actively involved with the IFC and Club Nova as a volunteer and supporter.

Please enter the requested information.

Relevant Experience:*

I served as a Carrboro Police Officer for over 7 years. I was and am an avid cyclist. I have been my neighborhood coordinator for holiday fundraising events over the last 6 years. I have volunteered for and am a regular supporter of PORCH,

Reasons You Wish to be Appointed*

My interest in being appointed to the Community Safety Task Force is because I have a unique perspective as a mother who moved here from Jacksonville, Florida for a safe place to raise our children but also as a police officer who knows this community well.

We believe as a Town and as a Town Council that racial equity and diversity and inclusion are important. Please tell us your thoughts about this and why they are important not only in advisory board/commission work but also in all facets of local government and community work.*

Iâ€™ve received a lot of racial equity training over the years. I feel it is important to openly discuss perceived and real bias or even overt racism because the core values in this country have deteriorated over the last 4-5 years and we can not allow racial inequity to become normalized.

Have you ever served on any Town of Carrboro Committee or Board?*

If yes, which one(s)?

No

Are you currently serving on a Town Board or Committee?*

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Yes

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No

If yes, are you applying for a third consecutive term?*

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Yes

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No

If yes, please describe how you meet one, or more, of the following exceptions noted below.

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Advisory Board Application - Submission #6019

Date Submitted: 11/17/2021

First Name*

Muhsin

Last Name*

Omar

Date*

11/17/2021

Select today's date

Address1*

112 Nc Highway 54 Apt G7

Address2

City*

Carrboro

State

NC

Zip*

27510-1572

Is this address located within the corporate limits of the Town of Carrboro?*

Yes

Please select Yes or No.

Is this address located within the Town's ETJ, Planning Jurisdiction, or Northern Transition Area?*

Unsure

Telephone (111)-111-1111*

9199234400

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

Email Address*

muhsinmr280@gmail.com

Enter your primary email address.

The demographic information provided below is of interest because your elected officials want the Town's advisory boards to reflect the diversity of the Town. Diversity of the applicant pool is a priority of the Board.

What Year Were You Born?*

1984

Race*

African American

Please enter your race.

Sex*

Male

Please enter your sex.

Ethnicity*

American

Occupation*

Cashier

Please enter your occupation.

Are you a registered Orange County Voter?*

Yes

Please answer Yes or No

Length of Residence in Orange County*

24 years

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro*

8 years

How long have you been a resident of the Town of Carrboro?

I wish to be considered for appointment to the following committee/board(s) (Select no more than two (2)):

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| ☒ Affordable Housing Advisory Commission | ☐ Greenways Commission |
| ☐ Appearance Commission/NPDC | ☐ Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee |
| ☐ Arts Committee | ☐ OWASA Board of Directors |
| ☐ Board of Adjustment | ☐ Planning Board |
| ☐ Climate Action Team | ☐ Racial Equity Commission |
| ☒ Community Safety Task Force | ☐ Recreation and Parks Commission |
| ☐ Economic Sustainability Commission | ☐ Stormwater Advisory Commission |
| ☐ Environmental Advisory Board | ☐ Tourism Development Authority* |
| ☐ Human Services Commission | ☐ Transportation Advisory Board |

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Other (advisory board not listed):

Please indicate by typing the advisory board that you are applying for.

****Employer/Self Employed**

Food Lion

Please enter your employment information. This is a requirement for application for the Tourism Development Authority.

Advisory Board Preference*

Affordable Housing Advisory Commusion

Please indicate your preference by typing your first choice. Please limit your selection above to two boards).

Number of Years Employed

9 years

Enter the number of years you have been employed at the organization listed to the left.

**** Provide examples of how you are involved in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Carrboro.**

Required only for the Tourism Development Authority Application.

Community Activities/Organizational Memberships*

I went to chapel hill carrboro schools. I work in the grocery store in which I speak with many residents. I am a UNC-Chapel hill graduate.

Please enter the requested information.

Relevant Experience:*

Long time resident of orange county. Studied psychology at unc-chapel hill.

Reasons You Wish to be Appointed*

I want to be appointed to help our community be better. I work at food lion and many of my coworkers have a hard time finding housing.

We believe as a Town and as a Town Council that racial equity and diversity and inclusion are important. Please tell us your thoughts about this and why they are important not only in advisory board/commission work but also in all facets of local government and community work.*

Diversity in my opinion is important because similar people cannot think of everything that another group or people can see. Everybody has their own perspective and it is important that a community serves everybody.

Have you ever served on any Town of Carrboro Committee or Board?*

If yes, which one(s)?

No

Are you currently serving on a Town Board or Committee?*

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Yes

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No

If yes, are you applying for a third consecutive term?*

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Yes

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No

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Advisory Board Application - Submission #6750

Date Submitted: 8/4/2022

First Name*

Benjamin

Last Name*

Blaisdell

Date*

8/4/2022

Select today's date

Address1*

305 Pleasant Drive

Address2

City*

Carrboro

State

North Carolina

Zip*

27510

Is this address located within the corporate limits of the Town of Carrboro?*

Yes

Please select Yes or No.

Is this address located within the Town's ETJ, Planning Jurisdiction, or Northern Transition Area?*

Unsure

Telephone (111)-111-1111*

9199232523

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

Email Address*

benjamin.blaisdell@gmail.com

Enter your primary email address.

The demographic information provided below is of interest because your elected officials want the Town's advisory boards to reflect the diversity of the Town. Diversity of the applicant pool is a priority of the Board.

What Year Were You Born?*

1970

Race*

white

Please enter your race.

Sex*

male

Please enter your sex.

Ethnicity*

white

Occupation*

Professor

Please enter your occupation.

Are you a registered Orange County Voter?*

Yes

Please answer Yes or No

Length of Residence in Orange County*

20 years

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro*

17 years

How long have you been a resident of the Town of Carrboro?

I wish to be considered for appointment to the following committee/board(s) (Select no more than two (2)):

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| ☐ Affordable Housing Advisory Commission | ☐ Greenways Commission |
| ☐ Appearance Commission/NPDC | ☐ Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee |
| ☐ Arts Committee | ☐ OWASA Board of Directors |
| ☐ Board of Adjustment | ☐ Planning Board |
| ☐ Climate Action Team | ☐ Racial Equity Commission |
| ☒ Community Safety Task Force | ☐ Recreation and Parks Commission |
| ☐ Economic Sustainability Commission | ☐ Stormwater Advisory Commission |
| ☐ Environmental Advisory Board | ☐ Tourism Development Authority* |
| ☐ Human Services Commission | ☐ Transportation Advisory Board |

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Advisory Board Preference*

Community Safety Task Force

Please indicate your preference by typing your first choice. Please limit your selection above to two boards).

Other (advisory board not listed):

Please indicate by typing the advisory board that you are applying for.

****Employer/Self Employed**

East Carolina University

Please enter your employment information. This is a requirement for application for the Tourism Development Authority.

Number of Years Employed

12 years

Enter the number of years you have been employed at the organization listed to the left.

**** Provide examples of how you are involved in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Carrboro.**

N/A

**Required only for the Tourism Development Authority Application. **

Community Activities/Organizational Memberships*

Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP Campaign for Racial Equity in Our Schools Racial Equity Coach, Northside Elementary

Please enter the requested information.

Relevant Experience:*

I am an Assistant Professor of Education. My research is collaborative, using critical race theory with school personnel to collectively understand and disrupt racism, white supremacy, and antiblackness in schools. I have served as a racial equity coach with several schools in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro district, across the state, and internationally. My longest coaching project has been with Northside Elementary in Chapel Hill, where I have served as equity coach since it's first year. In that role, I continue to work with the equity team and administration to disrupt how schools become complicit in white supremacy and antiblackness in everyday practice and policy. That work has included a close attention to racially disproportionate discipline. In addition, I have participated with the NAACP and the Campaign for Racial Equity in Our Schools on various issues related to the school-to-prison pipeline. That included helping organize and conduct community town halls. In addition, I was one of the researchers and authors of a report titled, "Excellence with Equity: The Schools Our Children Deserve", which was presented to the CHCCS district office and school board in 2015. That report compiled extensive information on racial disproportionality in discipline and academic achievement and, among other recommendations, pushed for the use of restorative practices and justice over harsher disciplinary measures. Previous to that, I was also worked with the Community Education Collaborative and was a researcher and author on, "School Discipline & Climate Bill of Rights: A community request for change in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools" which was also presented to the district and offered several recommendations to address disproportionality, including restorative practice across the district.

Reasons You Wish to be Appointed*

I hope to extend the work I have done with schools into the community in which I live. In a time when antiracism and other forms of anti-oppression are under attack on multiple levels, I would like to add my skills to the extensive expertise already on the task force to help create a community that shows that equity is possible.

We believe as a Town and as a Town Council that racial equity and diversity and inclusion are important. Please tell us your thoughts about this and why they are important not only in advisory board/commission work but also in all facets of local government and community work.*

Racism and intersectional forms of oppression are interwoven into the fabric of our society. Even in supposedly progressive communities, we perpetuate oppression every day. These forms of oppression are never guaranteed -- they morph and adapt to sustain themselves over time. The only way to achieve fuller justice -- which includes equal and equitable access to political and economic liberty and material resources -- for everyone in our community is by centering an analysis of racism and intersectional oppression in our government, community organizations, and lives.

Have you ever served on any Town of Carrboro Committee or Board?*

If yes, which one(s)?

No

Are you currently serving on a Town Board or Committee?*

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Yes

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No

If yes, are you applying for a third consecutive term?*

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Yes

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No

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Advisory Board Application - Submission #6006

Date Submitted: 11/15/2021

First Name*

Wamiq

Last Name*

Chowdhury

Date*

11/15/2021

Select today's date

Address1*

601 Jones Ferry Rd Apt H10

Address2

City*

Carrboro

State

NC

Zip*

27510

Is this address located within the corporate limits of the Town of Carrboro?*

Yes

Please select Yes or No.

Is this address located within the Town's ETJ, Planning Jurisdiction, or Northern Transition Area?*

No

Telephone (111)-111-1111*

6093184601

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

Email Address*

wamiq.chowdhury@gmail.com

Enter your primary email address.

The demographic information provided below is of interest because your elected officials want the Town's advisory boards to reflect the diversity of the Town. Diversity of the applicant pool is a priority of the Board.

What Year Were You Born?*

1984

Race*

Asian

Please enter your race.

Sex*

Male

Please enter your sex.

Ethnicity*

South Asian

Occupation*

Attorney

Please enter your occupation.

Are you a registered Orange County Voter?*

Yes

Please answer Yes or No

Length of Residence in Orange County*

3 years and 3 months

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro*

3 years and 3 months

How long have you been a resident of the Town of Carrboro?

I wish to be considered for appointment to the following committee/board(s) (Select no more than two (2)):

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| ☐ Affordable Housing Advisory Commission | ☐ Greenways Commission |
| ☐ Appearance Commission/NPDC | ☐ Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee |
| ☐ Arts Committee | ☐ OWASA Board of Directors |
| ☐ Board of Adjustment | ☐ Planning Board |
| ☐ Climate Action Team | ☐ Racial Equity Commission |
| ☒ Community Safety Task Force | ☐ Recreation and Parks Commission |
| ☐ Economic Sustainability Commission | ☐ Stormwater Advisory Commission |
| ☐ Environmental Advisory Board | ☐ Tourism Development Authority* |
| ☐ Human Services Commission | ☐ Transportation Advisory Board |

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Other (advisory board not listed):

Please indicate by typing the advisory board that you are applying for.

****Employer/Self Employed**

Dauntless Discovery

Please enter your employment information. This is a requirement for application for the Tourism Development Authority.

Advisory Board Preference*

Community Safety Task Force

Please indicate your preference by typing your first choice. Please limit your selection above to two boards).

Number of Years Employed

3

Enter the number of years you have been employed at the organization listed to the left.

**** Provide examples of how you are involved in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Carrboro.**

Required only for the Tourism Development Authority Application.

Community Activities/Organizational Memberships*

Carrboro Connects Task Force, At Large Community Member Branch Representative and Harassment Grievance Officer, Chapel-Hill Carrboro Branch, NC Triangle Chapter of Democratic Socialists of America Volunteer Driver, TABLE Executive Team Member, Progressive Democrats of Orange County Legal Observer, National Lawyers Guild Member, NEXT Chapel Hill-Carrboro

Please enter the requested information.

Relevant Experience:*

I do not have experience within the criminal justice system personally, but as an attorney and organizer, and as a Muslim, community safety has long been an interest and priority of mine. My legal education included a significant criminal justice component, but my community organizing work, focused largely on multiracial organizing, built on the backs of brilliant thinkers and organizers from diverse backgrounds, is what I would primarily draw upon as a member of the Community Safety Task Force. For example, while my legal background did play a part, my conversations with Black Carrboro residents were the primary motivator for my public comment in the Town Council's 10/12/20 meeting advocating for Carrboro to end its participation in the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program (which the council voted to do). I have held several formal conflict resolution roles throughout my life, from middle school to the present day, and my biggest lesson from them is that the most important thing in community safety is listening to the people most impacted. I have also engaged with our town government in numerous ways since moving to Carrboro in 2018, and I expect that experience to aid my work on the task force.

Reasons You Wish to be Appointed*

As opposed to the approach taught to me in law school of focusing on deterrence and punishment, my approach to community safety is holistic and community focused: what are our neighbors telling us they need protection from? What can we learn from the myriad approaches to community safety throughout our country about the efficacy of various community safety frameworks and their impacts on people's lived experiences? What are the root causes of human actions (individual or institutional) that cause people to feel unsafe, and how can government address them? As the BLM protests of 2020 (many of which I attended variously as a participant or as a legal observer) exhibited, there is a growing consciousness both throughout the country and locally that our traditional approaches to community safety, which have their roots in antebellum slave patrols, frequently do not sufficiently answer those questions. I am very interested in exploring community safety solutions that go beyond policing. To be clear, I do not mean solutions that are opposed to police, but rather solutions that are oriented towards building a Carrboro where we reduce as much as possible the conditions that give rise to acts that require armed law enforcement responses, and where we provide non-armed responses to situations that do not require force. I believe that this would only make our police officers safer. I believe the BLM movement and civil rights movements before it have convincingly demonstrated that traditional approaches to law enforcement reform do not conceive of and are not designed to meet these goals. I am very interested in approaches that are backed by both empirical data and lived experiences, which in my experience reveal that not every problem is a nail requiring the same hammer. This is a particularly pivotal moment for Carrboro to explore such approaches, as communities throughout the country, including in nearby Durham, implement alternative approaches to the traditional use of law enforcement in community safety. I believe that my close connection to both local and nationwide grassroots activist communities, as well as my background and my preferred approach of thoughtful and productive consideration, will allow me to draw upon others' experiences and teachings in filling a vital community and future focused role on the Task Force. On a more selfish note, I have learned so much from my work on Carrboro Connects, and it is highly attractive to me to be able to continue to serve the community I hope to live in for the rest of my life while continuing to learn from my peers, get to know the town better, and help build its just future.

We believe as a Town and as a Town Council that racial equity and diversity and inclusion are important. Please tell us your thoughts about this and why they are important not only in advisory board/commission work but also in all facets of local government and community work.*

Racial equity and diversity are crucial to every aspect of any government's work. Racial equity and diversity and inclusion help us, if we are genuinely open to it, to challenge our preconceptions and understand what we may not realize we don't understand. Narrow perspectives that do not include experiences from identities that one does not share greatly exacerbate the potential of injustice, which cannot be tolerated in a just government. To me this means more than a dedication to the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion, but to actually living them. Far too often in my experience, individuals and institutions idly declare care for the perspectives and experiences of people of color while failing to act on them; we perhaps see this more often in community safety governance than any other area of government. In fact, I believe diversity and inclusion themselves don't go far enough - too often I see organizational processes that "include" but functionally ignore diverse voices, cruelly resulting in their being used to lend credibility to acts that further oppress them. It is fundamental to the charge of government and community organizations to not just include but lift up the voices of oppressed people. This is what I have sought to do throughout my community work (including, attempting but unfortunately in vain, to recruit BIPOC people with experience in the system to this very Task Force; I am applying in the belief that a community member actively seeking to do this might be the next best thing). I believe that my unique racial and cultural identity will provide me with useful perspective on the Task Force. While as a South Asian I am less at risk of the most harmful law enforcement practices than most other minorities, this identity has on multiple occasions (including here in town) saved me from potentially dangerous situations only after I was initially perceived by law enforcement to be of other races and ethnicities, which is the sort of experience that tends to provide one with perspective. Furthermore, as a Muslim, I have both experienced societal and law enforcement oppression and been privy in religious spaces to an abundance of vulnerable, unguarded reflections on safety from Black Muslims, the largest Muslim American community. My experiences of being a part of these discussions and then praying side by side with my fellow participants have helped me internalize James Baldwin's concept of Americans of difference races as siblings who cannot live together under the same roof without hearing, acknowledging, and acting upon the sacrifices and experiences of our brothers and sisters.

Have you ever served on any Town of Carrboro Committee or Board?*

If yes, which one(s)?

Carrboro Connects

Yes

Are you currently serving on a Town Board or Committee?*

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, are you applying for a third consecutive term?*

☐ Yes

☒ No

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