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## **Advisory Board Application**

Name	Karen Porter
Date	12/7/2016
Address1	222 Old Fayetteville Rd
Address2	B104
City	Carrboro
State	NC
Zip	27510
Is this address located within the corporate limits of the Town of Carrboro?	Yes
Telephone	610-344-99
Email Address	Karenporteresq@gmail.com
Date of Birth	5/29/1947
Race	White
Sex	Female
Occupation	Lawyer (retired), Visiting & Adjunct Professor (in retirement)
Are you a registered Orange County Voter?	Yes

Length of Residence in Orange County	4 months
Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro	4 months
I wish to be considered for appointment to the following committee/board(s) (Do Not Select More Than Three):	Animal Control Board of Appeals, Human Services Commission, Greenways Commission
Other (advisory board not listed):	N/A
Advisory Board Preference	Human Services 2. Animal Control Board of Appeals
*Employer/Self Employed	Not currently employed
Number of Years Employed	N/A
* Provide examples of how you are involved in the promotion of travel and tourism in the Town of Carrboro.	N/A
Community Activities/Organizational Memberships	During my 39-year legal career in Pennsylvania, I was involved in numerous civic, legal, religious, and political activities. For example: As a mother, I taught Sunday School for 13 years, developed an elementary school foreign language program, was a swimming stroke-and-turn judge for 5 years, served as a Cub Scout den leader for 5 years, and taught property law at public elementary schools for the bar association, among other activities. As a citizen, for example, I worked in the Kerry and (two) Obama presidential campaigns, founded and directed (for 12 years) the 1,000-member Chester County Peace Movement, and served on the boards of the (Philadelphia) National Conference of Christians & Jews and the ACLU, among other activities. In my profession, I wrote textbooks in my areas of expertise: business law, insurance regulation, and legal writing and oral advocacy and was Assistant Dean at Temple Law School and adjunct professor at Villanova Law School. In retirement, I have taught Anglo-American law to Russian lawyers 3 months a year (for six years) in Russia and 2 months a year to international lawyers at the University of

Delaware and one semester at Widener Law School and have taught International Communications Law to graduate students at Arcadia University. For the past 2 years I have been Clerk of the Board for Friends House Moscow (Quakers), which has involved constant evaluation of numerous grant applications for human services for Russians (funded by US, British, and German sources), making the Human Services Board position my number one choice. My 20 years at the Insurance Institute of America and previous experience as corporate counsel for Blue Cross in Philadelphia gave me a passion for healthcare and health law. Expecting future challenges to healthcare in this country, I want to turn my attention to volunteer work in providing human services, focusing on healthcare. I also love this community and want to be involved, as I always have been in the past. I moved here because my son and his wife live here, and I love it. I particularly love the Greenways, my third choice. However, for the past 12 years I have rescued homeless dogs, including several seniors (difficult to place) and am devoted to animals - my second choice. In the Animal Control slot, I could also apply my legal skills.

Experience to Aid You in Working on Advisory Boards

I think the answer above details my qualifications. I have strong legal and evaluative skills, work well with others, and care very much about my community. As a new community member, I might bring some fresh insights. I love Carrboro and want to bring my lengthy and varied experiences to help the town achieve its goals.

Reasons You Wish to be Appointed

I have spent a lot of time abroad (Russia) in the past 6 years, but I am "settling in" here and believe my country and community need me more now. My passion has been teaching future leaders (lawyers) in Russia and working with Moscow Quakers, all in an effort to help build their as-yet-to-be-developed civil society. I think my country needs me more now as our own civil society faces new challenges. Working in my local community is of great importance to me, and I think I have a lot to contribute.

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

No

If yes, which one(s)?

N/A

Are you currently serving on a Town Board or Committee?

No

If yes, are you applying

No

## for a third consecutive term?

If yes, please describe how you meet one, or more, of the following exceptions noted below. \*Members of the Board of Adjustment, Environmental Advisory Board, Human Services Advisory Commission, and Transportation Advisory Board may be reappointed to successive terms without limitation (Sections 15-29(c), 15-45(c) 3-7(d), 3-24(c))

N/A

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