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## Advisory Board Chair Report (Complete One Per Applicant) - Submission #5198

Date Submitted: 2/10/2021

Advisory Board Name:\*

Economic Sustainability Commission

Chair Name\*

David Darr

Applicant First Name:\*

Soteria

Applicant Last Name:

Shepperson

1. Has the applicant previously served on this or another advisory board?\*

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Yes

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No

2. If yes, how many total years have they served?

This should be available on the application or by asking the applicant.

3. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and seeking reappointment to their second, full term?

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Yes (Skip to Last Question)

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No

4. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and completed their two full terms?

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Yes

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No

5. Is the applicant applying for a special or expert seat on the advisory board?\*

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Yes

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No

6. If yes, which seat?

7. Did the applicant attend an advisory board meeting?\*

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Yes

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No

8. If applicant did not attend an advisory board meeting, did you contact them via phone or email?

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Yes

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No

9. Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles, and responsibilities of serving on the advisory board:



Yes



No

10. If no, briefly explain:

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11. In addition to your comments above, please check other qualities that the applicant offers that would help the Advisory Board meet its goals for community representation. Please note that candidates who do not meet any of these qualities are still eligible for appointment. Please communicate any urgent needs and priorities for Advisory Board composition to your Town Council liaison.



Diversity



Occupation, Experience, or Special Skills



Other

If other, please explain:

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## Advisory Board Application - Submission #5060

Date Submitted: 12/10/2020

**First Name\***

Soteria

**Last Name\***

Shepperson

**Date\***

12/10/2020

Select today's date

**Address1\***

901 W. Main Street

**Address2**

Apt. A

**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\***

8043632543

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

**Email Address\***

soteria.shep@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.**

**Current Age\***

5/8/1986

**Race\***

AA

Please enter your race.

**Sex\***

F

Please enter your sex.

**Occupation\***

Artist| Entrepreneur|  
Race Equity Action and  
Leadership Coordinator

Please enter your occupation.

**Are you a registered Orange County Voter?\***

Yes

Please answer Yes or No

**Length of Residence in Orange County\***

United States

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

**Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro\***

approx 6 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

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Appearance Commission/NPDC

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Arts Committee

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Board of Adjustment

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Climate Action Team

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Economic Sustainability Commission

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Environmental Advisory Board

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Human Services Commission

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Greenways Commission

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Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee

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OWASA Board of Directors

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Planning Board

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Recreation and Parks Commission

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Stormwater Advisory Commission

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Tourism Development Authority\*

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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.

**Other (advisory board not listed):**

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

**\*\*Employer/Self Employed**

Johnny's Gone Fishing

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

**Advisory Board Preference\***

Economic Sustainability Commission

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\***

Current: Board Member of Our Children's Place <https://www.ourchildrensplace.com/> 2021: NAACP Economic Development Board Artist: [iamsoteria.com](https://www.iamsoteria.com)

Please enter the requested information.

**Relevant Experience:\***

Previous Instructor at Wake Technical College ( Worked to help students rebrand themselves and find employment) Real Coordinator at the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service Previous Community Organizer [www.linkedin.com/in/soteriashep/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/soteriashep/)

**Reasons You Wish to be Appointed\***

I would like to assist in building a community where everyone is given an opportunity for generational and sustainable wealth, one where black and brown people are not constantly living from pay check to pay check. A community in which we do not have to work 3 and 4 jobs to get by. ( I currently have 3 jobs).

**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.\***

Simply put Black Lives Matter :-) and the path of a POC varies toward greatness and fulfillment it varies from those who are born with privilege and opportunity. We all deserve a seat at the table.

**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?\***

☐

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.**

I am not sure if the Carrboro Task Force is considered a Board or Committee but I am currently on it.

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## Advisory Board Chair Report (Complete One Per Applicant) - Submission #5199

Date Submitted: 2/10/2021

Advisory Board Name:\*

Economic Sustainability Commission

Chair Name\*

David Darr

Applicant First Name:\*

Fabian

Applicant Last Name:

Stepinski

1. Has the applicant previously served on this or another advisory board?\*



Yes



No

2. If yes, how many total years have they served?

This should be available on the application or by asking the applicant.

3. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and seeking reappointment to their second, full term?



Yes (Skip to Last Question)



No

4. Is the applicant already serving on this advisory board and completed their two full terms?



Yes



No

5. Is the applicant applying for a special or expert seat on the advisory board?\*



Yes



No

6. If yes, which seat?

7. Did the applicant attend an advisory board meeting?\*



Yes



No

8. If applicant did not attend an advisory board meeting, did you contact them via phone or email?



Yes



No

9. Applicant has demonstrated a clear understanding of the time commitment, roles, and responsibilities of serving on the advisory board:



Yes



No

10. If no, briefly explain:

11. In addition to your comments above, please check other qualities that the applicant offers that would help the Advisory Board meet its goals for community representation. Please note that candidates who do not meet any of these qualities are still eligible for appointment. Please communicate any urgent needs and priorities for Advisory Board composition to your Town Council liaison.



Diversity



Occupation, Experience, or Special Skills



Other

If other, please explain:

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## Advisory Board Application - Submission #5069

Date Submitted: 12/17/2020

**First Name\***

Fabian

**Last Name\***

Stepinski

**Date\***

12/17/2020

Select today's date

**Address1\***

320 Davie Road

**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?\***

Unsure

**Telephone (111)-111-1111\***

9198888502

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

**Email Address\***

stepi@ad.unc.edu

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.

**Current Age\***

3/25/1997

**Race\***

White

Please enter your race.

**Sex\***

Male

Please enter your sex.

**Occupation\***

Student Athlete

Please enter your occupation.

**Are you a registered Orange County Voter?\***

No

Please answer Yes or No

**Length of Residence in Orange County\***

1 1/2 Years

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

**Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro\***

4 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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Advisory Commission        | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenways Commission                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appearance Commission/NPDC                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Committee                                | <input type="checkbox"/> OWASA Board of Directors                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Adjustment                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Action Team                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation and Parks Commission             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Sustainability Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Advisory Commission              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Advisory Board                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism Development Authority*   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services Commission                     | <input type="checkbox"/> 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**

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

**Advisory Board Preference\***

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

**Number of Years Employed**

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.**

As an international student athlete who has travelled the world and is living on a foreign continent for 1 1/2 years now, I have gained a tremendous amount of experience. I was born and raised in Zurich, Switzerland, which is one of the main touristic places in my country. This "big foreign city" background provides me with a different and fresh perspective.

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

**Community Activities/Organizational Memberships\***

I am currently an international student athlete at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and part of the Men's Swimming and diving team. Next to my commitment as a NCAA Division 1 athlete, I coach little kids at the North Carolina Diving Club on several evenings of the week. This is a task which is challenging but highly rewarding at the same time. There is nothing more rewarding than leading the youngest members of our community to their success.

Please enter the requested information.

**Relevant Experience:\***

In 2016 I completed a four year Swiss Federal Vocational Apprenticeship as Business Administrator in a private school office. This gave me valuable insights what it means to be a small local operating business. In the following two years I added a Swiss Federal Vocational Baccalaureate in Economics. This education helped me to understand more complex economic contexts. I had to balance my whole schedule with my engagement as semi-professional Olympic Diving Athlete. Since 2012 I am part of the Swiss National Diving Team and was able to represent Switzerland at competitions all over the globe. In 2019 I completed the basic training of the Swiss Armed Forces. Since then I am an active (on hold) soldier which serves in the Swiss Air Force as communication and transmission specialist. Ultimately, since the summer of 2019 I have the huge privilege to study and live in the USA. A dream came true for me. Living, training, and working in a different country on a different continent challenges me everyday anew. I am an economics major with a minor in computer science and personally interested in economic and financial history. So far, I have learned so much and with a lot more to come: Inside and outside of the classroom.

**Reasons You Wish to be Appointed\***

As a foreigner I am a guest in the town of Carrboro and the USA. Since day one I've been welcomed with open arms. I would like to give back to this awesome community I am privileged to live in. A board is in a leadership position. Further, a board needs to be accountable and committed to it's community. All those are tasks I have been confronted with in my life so far. It would be an honor to contribute with my experiences to the town of Carrboro.

**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.\***

The town of Carrboro is a diverse community given that one of the nation's best academic institutions is right around the corner. This creates an ever changing environment with a lot of different challenges. Such an environment needs a diverse board in order to master the challenges. My background is as unique as Carrboro. This can help to diversify the board's decision making and may lead to innovative "out of the box" solutions. Carrboro is a great town and has much potential. I would love to be part of the process of realizing it. I would like to make sure that every citizen of the town of Carrboro feels as welcomed and at home as I do. Equality, diversity, and racial equity are fundamental parts of one's core values. No matter of one's background, beliefs, or race: Everyone has to have equal opportunities and rights. Only if this is the case, a society will be successful. With my passion and heart I will represent every single member of the town so that at the end of the day we are better off as a community.

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

**If yes, which one(s)?**

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No ☐

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



Yes



No

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



Yes



No

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

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