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## Advisory Board Application - Submission #5203

Date Submitted: 2/12/2021

First Name\*

Anahid

Last Name\*

Vrana

Date\*

12/15/2020

Select today's date

Address1\*

8217 Old NC 86

Address2

City\*

Chapel Hill

State

NC

Zip\*

27516

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

No

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\*

9192150329

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

Email Address\*

anahid.vrana@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\*

1/5/1951

Race\*

White

Please enter your race.

Sex\*

Female

Please enter your sex.

Occupation\*

Hospitality manager  
Morehead-Cain  
Foundation UNC

Please enter your occupation.

Are you a registered Orange County Voter?\*

Yes

Please answer Yes or No

Length of Residence in Orange County\*

47 years

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

Length of Residence in the Town of Carrboro\*

44 years (in NTA)

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

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

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

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

Morehead-Cain Foundation

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

**Advisory Board Preference\***

NTAAC

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

**Number of Years Employed**

4.5

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.**

while on NTAAC served on signage and bike /walking connectivity committees. Task Force member on Carrboro Connects As manager of Inn on campus often referring out of town guests to locations for shopping, dining and other activities in Carrboro.

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

**Community Activities/Organizational Memberships\***

NTAAC Carrboro Connects task force. Church membership/ StThomas More and Newman Center

Please enter the requested information.

**Relevant Experience:\***

I have been a member of NTAAC for six years and have great knowledge of the area. Was on the 20 20 forward vision planning 20 years ago and participated in the charettes concerning the development of this area many years ago.

### Reasons You Wish to be Appointed\*

My committee has been working aggressively to find new members and we have not had much luck. Our alderman Susan Romaine has reached out to the African American community on Rogers road to recruit some diverse representation. Committee members too have reached out to others in various neighborhoods of the NTA. We are coming to the conclusion that this is a difficult time for folks to take on new responsibilities. In light of Covid many folks are helping children with on line schooling and rejuvating jobs at home etc etc. I am hoping that I can possibly extend my appointment for a third term. I know this is not the norm but our committee needs someone with longevity on it and also I am the liason to our committee for the Carrboro Connects program so it seems rather important that I continue for at least another year. Even if I am given just and extended half term that would help? We currently have an opening on our committee that we have not been able to fill. If I leave that would give us a committee of only three folks. One of our members currently cannot join in on our monthly zoom meetings because her husband teaches a computer course on zoom every Thursday night and she does not have access to their computer that night. So during Covid times our committee just meets as a threesome. If I leave in February the meeting folks will only be 2 and that would not give us enough folks to vote with a quorum. Basically we will be nonfunctional in terms of voting decisions. I do believe after the Covid scenario starts to settle down in the spring or next fall we can find a replacement for me, but folks seem to be too stressed to join in on other obligations now. Below I am including comments from Susan Romaine and my other committee members who feel the need for me holding on to a third term is important. I too would love to see Anahid re-appointed to a third term with the NTAAC, even though she has already served two full terms. A very sincere effort has been made to recruit new members to NTAAC, especially members of color. But given COVID and various other reasons, it has been extremely challenging to fill even the one empty seat. Without Anahid's appointment to a third term, the NTAAC would be at risk of not meeting quorum, which in and of itself is a good reason to make an exception to the two-term limit. Thank you for keeping me in the loop. Please let me know how I can best support Anahid's request to continue serving as chair of the NTAAC. The advisory board and the northern transition area truly need her continued leadership. Thanks, all. Susan Romaine Carrboro Town Council sromaine@townofcarrboro.org (919) 619-3408. Also below are comments from two of the NTAAC current members. As the next longest serving committee NTAAC member, I would like to second this request from Anahid. I am the person who has had the Zoom issue this fall so have not been able to attend although I have communicated with Anahid about matters before the committee. It is imperative for Anahid to remain if the committee is to remain viable. I agree that we may have more luck getting members after the COVID restrictions are eased. Thank you, Deb Rich I am the newest member of the NTAAC committee and I agree with the request that Anahid be granted an exemption in order to remain on the committee for a third term. Thanks to all of you for all the work you do. Ed Witkin Carrboro Solar Works, LLC United Solar Initiative www. Unitedsolarinitiative.org NABCEP certified PV installation professional.

**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.\***

I am 3/4 armenian, and second generation American. My armenian heritage has taught me the ultimate importance of acknowledging and supporting all people of races, ethnicity, and religious beliefs. The Armenians suffered a massive extermination of millions at the hands of the ottoman empire early in the 20th Century. My Grandparents were fortunate survivors of this holocaust. They instilled in me the messages that ill treatment of all people should never be permitted. I come to the table with a clear desire for inclusivity, humanity and opportunity for all. It is the way I was raised.

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

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

NTAAC

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

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

I have listed in great detail above the importance of my staying on this committee for another term. I am Armenian/American not sure that fits your category of diversity but with this ethnic background it enhances my pledge for diversity. Our biggest problem is our inability to find applicants. We have spent several months working on this and have not succeed. We even enlisted the help of Susan Romaine who reached out to the ministers in The Rogers Road neighborhood hoping they could find an interested candidate. Also contacted the reverends in the Won Buddist Temple. We have found folks are too stressed with their obligations during Covid to take on a new volunteer role. If I am not reappointed our committee will be down two members. We will not be able to reach a quorum. I hope I will be able to serve another term. Also I am the committees task force member to Carrboro Connects and I would like to see this process thru to completion. Thanks for your consideration.

After completing two full terms, a member must take off one year before applying for re-appointment to the same advisory board. However, a board member may apply to serve on another advisory board if he/she desires. The Board of Aldermen may make exceptions to this rule under the following circumstances: 1. To retain diversity on an advisory board; 2. A lack of applicants.

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## Advisory Board Chair Report (Complete One Per Applicant) - Submission #5202

Date Submitted: 2/12/2021

Advisory Board Name:\*

Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee NTAAC

Chair Name\*

Anahid Vrana

Applicant First Name:\*

Lisa

Applicant Last Name:

Brown

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:**

This applicant has attended our meetings faithfully for over 2 years as a citizen of the area. She regularly reaches out to her neighbors in the Rogers Road area and has tried to recruit some of them to our committee. She has not been successful with recruiting efforts as this is a very difficult time with parents and children all working from home. She serves as a nice liaison to that community and I am anxious for her to become an official member of the NtAAC. Susan Romaine has been involved in these communications as well.

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## Advisory Board Application - Submission #5210

Date Submitted: 2/12/2021

**First Name\***

Lisa

**Last Name\***

Brown

**Date\***

2/12/2021

Select today's date

**Address1\***

1006 KAREN WOODS RD

**Address2**

**City\***

CHAPEL HILL

**State**

NC

**Zip\***

27516-5199

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

No

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\***

9198125796

Please enter your primary contact phone number.

**Email Address\***

DOWNTOWNLB@GMAIL.COM

Enter your primary email address.

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**Current Age\***

2/28/1968

**Race\***

white

Please enter your race.

**Sex\***

female

Please enter your sex.

**Occupation\***

consultant self-employed

Please enter your occupation.

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

Yes

Please answer Yes or No

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

23 years

How long have you been a resident of Orange County?

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

N/A in NTA 15 years

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

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

Self- Creative Collaborations, LLC Fundraising and Marketing

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**Advisory Board Preference\***

Northern Transition Area

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

**Number of Years Employed**

2

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.**

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**Community Activities/Organizational Memberships\***

PORCH participation, NTA meeting attendance for the last 2 years, reading the emails, and watching the business of Carrboro town I am a non-profit fundraising professional and have worked in this area for more than 20 years for small and large organizations, including Kidzu Children's Museum, UNC Chapel Hill (@ UNC Global), Wesley Campus Ministry at UNC, to name but a few nearby. I have also worked at the Nasher at Duke, Durham Arts Council, and Urban Ministries of Durham.

Please enter the requested information.



Relevant Experience:\*

For the past 2 years, I have participated in the NTA meetings to ensure representation and understanding of the NTA. I have done neighborly outreach in my area and participate in community-building activities to ensure the health, safety, and hopeful happiness of my community. I am non-profit fundraising professional with marketing, communications, and philanthropy experience. I understand the importance of good communications, good relationships, and community building. I am well-organized, ask questions, do research, and believe in awareness and understanding for communities for many topics, but connectivity, green space, and careful improvements for road and development are also interesting to me. Sustainability is key as we face climate change. Carrboro is forward-thinking and it would be an honor to serve on NTA.

Reasons You Wish to be Appointed\*

I wish to continue to participate with the NTA committee and already do. Service and volunteerism is part of my value system, I believe in creating community. Btw- I did outreach to try to bolster more diversity on the NTA, but we are in a sparsely populated area and I was unable to recruit anyone. I am now concerned about the committee being viable and having energy on it to support its mission. I will continue to seek to diversify the committee as well, but this year we are in need of members. Anahid and others on the committee could vouch for my involvement and participation.

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As stated above, I reached out to my contacts Revs. Larry Reid and Robert Campbell regarding service on the NTA. I believe in diversity, equity, and inclusion, and have done deeper dives into study regarding anti-racism work. (Books and online study groups with people of color, not just self-study.) Change must occur in our society around diversity, equity and inclusion. I continue to listen and learn to be ever-aware of bias and inequality. I support and agree with the efforts Carrboro is carrying out, and I hope to be of service in this regard.

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

☒ No

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

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