



# Application for Boards and Commissions

City of New Haven, CT

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<b>Are you a registered voter?</b>	Yes
<b>What political party do you belong to? [This information is only requested as it is required by the city charter (Article X Sec. 2-551) to ensure minority party representation on boards and commissions]</b>	Democratic Party
<b>Which board and/or commission are you hoping to serve on?</b>	Economic Development
<b>What is your current occupation?</b>	Director of the Carbon Charge at Yale University
<b>Please explain why you are interested in serving on this board/commission?</b>	Economic development is not easy. New Haven's recent growth is promising, and I want to help guide its future growth in a way that opens up opportunities. New Haven can be a city that young people from every neighborhood and educational background choose. I want every resident to feel as confident as I do telling their friends about how good life is in New Haven. This city can and should be a place our kids, and all their friends, want to live in when they grow up.
<b>Why do you believe you are a good fit for this board/commission?</b>	I recruit people to New Haven. I studied economic development and entrepreneurship in graduate school at Yale and spent five years working in Connecticut's Economic Development Department, where I focused on how Connecticut's cities, especially New Haven, can grow and attract employers and talented people. I played a leading role in creating CTNext and the Innovation Places initiative, which together have invested multiple millions of dollars into entrepreneurship support systems in New Haven. I would aim to bring what I learned in that work to bear on New Haven's economic development opportunities and challenges, and I hope to learn from the City's economic development personnel and members of the commission about other, hopefully more equality-focused approaches to economic development.
<b>Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?</b>	I work 8:30-5:30pm on weekdays, but my job has significant flexibility, so I expect to be able to prioritize commission meetings.