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| Are you a registered voter? | Yes | |
| 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] | Independent | |
| Which board and/or commission are you hoping to serve on? | Environmental Advisory Council | |
| What is your current occupation? | Environmental Educator at New Haven Ecology Project/ Common Ground High School | |
| Please explain why you are interested in serving on this board/commission? | <p>It is imperative that local and national governments alike respond accordingly to the clear evidence for anthropogenic climate change, habitat loss, pollution, and overall environmental degradation both locally and around the globe. As a citizen of the United States and a Connecticut resident and native, I believe it is my civic duty to participate in local government to the extent that I am able. In doing so, I will listen to the concerns of various stakeholders including other citizens, researchers and scientists, public workers and representatives, business-owners, and so-on. Together, we will collaborate and compromise in good conscience to help guide decision making for the betterment of the environment of the city of New Haven and beyond.</p> | |
| Why do you believe you are a good fit for this board/commission? | <p>As an Environmental Anthropology student at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, I researched, critiqued, collaborated, and debated with classmates and professors on key environmental issues. This included an honors capstone in International Epidemics with a case study in Cape Town, South Africa of the social and environmental causes of the HIV/ AIDS and Tuberculosis epidemics. From 2017-2019, as an Americorps FoodCorps service-member, I organized the School Garden Advisory Committee for Green Village Initiative (GVI) - a subcommittee of the Food Policy Council in Bridgeport, CT. I worked with Bridgeport public school teachers, district subject area heads, GVI leadership, a local chef, and public health researchers from Sacred Heart University to develop and implement garden-based education with district curriculum connections. We planned and led professional development for teachers to demonstrate garden-based, cooking, and outdoor science, math, literacy, nutrition, and social-emotional-learning lessons. Now, as an Environmental Educator with the New Haven Ecology Project, I have the unique opportunity and position of being both a full-time educator and an environmentalist. This perspective and experience is valuable to the Environmental Advisory Council.</p> | |
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| Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings? | A typical work-week for me is Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. |
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