

Application

Profile

If you have any questions or difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov or call 203-946-7670.

Yadira

First Name

Vargas

Last Name

Middle
Initial

yvargaskk@gmail.com

Email Address

966 Townsend Ave

Home Address

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06512

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?

☒ Ward 17

Home: (203) 654-6158

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are any of the above number a cell phone number?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?

yes

Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Housing Authority City of
New Haven

Employer

Project Manager

Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://newhaven-ct.granicus.com/boards/w/976a34cad711af7c/boards>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Affordable Housing Commission: Submitted
Board of Zoning Appeals: Submitted
City Plan Commission: Submitted
Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority (GNHWPCA): Submitted
Livable City Initiative Board: Submitted
New Haven Parking Authority: Submitted
Regional Water Authority (RWA) of South Central Connecticut Representative Policy Board: Submitted
Greater New Haven Transit District Board of Directors: Submitted
Tweed New Haven Airport Authority Board: Submitted
Capital Projects Committee: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Appointment

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you seeking a mayoral appointment/reappointment or a appointment/reappointment from the Board of Alders? Mayoral appointments go through the Mayor's Office, while Aldermanic appointments go through the Alders Office of Legislative Services. *

☒ No Preference

Question applies to multiple boards

*Note: If this is an appointment or reappointment request for a Board of Alders slot, please contact the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) at (203) 946-8371 or at alucas@newhavenct.gov if you have any questions on the progress of your appointment. The Mayor's Office is not involved in the timeline of Aldermanic appointees, but forwards any interested applicants for those slots to OLS.

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.

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Upload a Resume

If not submitting a Resume or CV, please submit a ~150 word Statement of Interest as to why you are interested in serving on your selected boards/commissions. If you have uploaded a resume OR you are seeking reappointment, you can write n/a.

Resume is attached.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I am interested in serving on a board or commission because I am passionate about contributing my professional experience to initiatives that strengthen our community and improve quality of life for residents.

Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected board and commission(s)?

I believe I would be a strong fit for the board because I bring more than 20 years of experience in public-sector administration, project management, and community development, along with a deep commitment to serving the residents of New Haven. Throughout my career, I have led complex affordable housing and real estate development projects, working collaboratively with government agencies, community stakeholders, consultants, and funding partners to achieve successful outcomes.

Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in board/commission meetings? Meeting times can be found by visiting newhavenct.gov/boards, but most are usually once a month for 1-2 hours.

no

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be politically proportionate, per State Statute on minority party representation (CGS § 9-167a). What is your political affiliation on your voter registration (i.e Democrat, Republican, Unaffiliated, Independent, etc)?

independent

In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?

☒ Yes ☐ No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

Ethnicity

☒ Prefer not to Answer

Gender

☒ Female

How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?

city website

YADIRA VARGAS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Strategic and results-driven real estate and project management leader with 15+ years of experience directing complex municipal and affordable housing development initiatives from concept through construction completion and closeout. Proven expertise coordinating multi-agency projects, navigating permitting and regulatory environments, and structuring and managing diverse funding sources across city, state, and federal programs. Trusted partner to executive leadership, recognized for leading cross-functional teams, advancing mission-driven development, and delivering high-quality, compliant projects on schedule and within budget in public-sector environments.

Core Competencies:

Executive & Municipal Project Management • Affordable Housing & Multifamily Development • Regulatory & Permitting Coordination • Contract & Lease Administration • HUD / CHFA / DOH / DECD / HTCC Compliance • Capital & Funding Management • Construction Oversight & Closeout • Procurement & Contract Administration • Budgeting & Schedule Control • Stakeholder & Community Engagement • Interdepartmental Coordination • Risk Mitigation & Strategic Planning • Stakeholder & Community Engagement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF NEW HAVEN — New Haven, CT

Executive Project Manager | 2012–Present

Lead real estate development and asset management initiatives supporting municipal priorities, long-term community investment, and public-sector stewardship. Manage projects from strategic planning and financing through construction, closeout, and operational transition.

Key Responsibilities & Achievements:

- Direct multiple concurrent development projects, ensuring alignment with municipal priorities, executive direction, regulatory standards, and funding agency requirements (HUD, CHFA, DOH, DECD, HTCC, City of New Haven).
- Serve as a key liaison between internal departments, community stakeholders, and external partners to resolve issues impacting real estate operations and project delivery.
- Coordinate planning, design, environmental review, zoning, and permitting activities with internal departments, architects, engineers, attorneys, and city and state agencies.

- Prepare and support competitive funding applications and approvals for state and federal financing programs.
- Manage relationships with attorneys, lenders, investors, developers, consultants, and public agencies to support contract negotiation, compliance, and execution.
- Lead RFP and RFQ procurement processes for developers, architects, engineers, environmental consultants, and construction firms.
- Develop, monitor, and manage project budgets, schedules, scopes of work, and procurement plans to ensure disciplined execution and fiscal accountability.
- Serve as a liaison between executive leadership, internal departments, community stakeholders, investors, and external partners.
- Oversee construction administration activities, including progress meetings, change order review, contractor compliance documentation, quality control, and risk mitigation.
- Maintain organized project files and documentation to ensure audit readiness and regulatory compliance.
- Coordinate with lenders, investors, attorneys, and financial partners to complete construction closeout and successfully convert projects from construction to permanent financing.
- Proactively identify risks, funding gaps, and schedule challenges, implementing mitigation strategies to keep projects on track.

Acting Contract Administrator / Contract Specialist | 2007–2012

Supported city-wide procurement and contract compliance processes for capital and development projects.

Key Responsibilities & Achievements:

- Oversaw procurement activities in accordance with municipal, state, and federal regulations.
- Ensured adherence to Davis-Bacon, EEO, wage compliance, and HUD contracting requirements.
- Reviewed contractor payrolls, progress payments, contract performance, and compliance documentation.
- Developed and implemented procurement procedures, improving efficiency and transparency.
- Coordinated with contractors, project teams, and internal departments to resolve compliance or performance issues.

Administrative Assistant / Work Order Receptionist | 2004–2007

- Provided administrative support to maintenance and development divisions.
- Streamlined work order tracking systems, improving service delivery and accountability.
- Generated monthly performance and operations reports; managed communications with residents, vendors, and contractors.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Management and Organizational Leadership — Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT (2021)

Project Management Certification — University of New Haven, West Haven, CT (2015)

Bachelor of Science, Business Management — Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT (2013)

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Project Management Professional (PMP) — Certified through 2028
- Licensed REALTOR®, State of Connecticut — Exp. 05/31/2026
- Notary Public, State of Connecticut — Exp. 09/30/2028
- Member, Connecticut REALTORS (CTR) | National Association of REALTORS (NAR) | Valley Association of REALTORS (VAR)

BOARD SERVICE

Board Member, Creative Arts Workshop (2026–Present))