

Application Form

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.

Nkenge

First Name

Hook

Last Name

Middle
Initial

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Email Address

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Home Address

APT A1120

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06513

Postal Code

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

None Selected

Mobile: (203) 909-0407

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

Access to Law-Yale Racial
and Justice Center

Employer

Law Fellow

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?

Aging Commission: Not Submitted

Citation Hearing Officers for Housing Code, Anti-Blight, & Residential Licensing: Submitted

City Plan Commission: Submitted

Commission on Disabilities: Submitted

Cultural Affairs Commission: Submitted

Youth Commission: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Appointment

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.

[Nkenge Hook Resume 08 2023 Updated_1_.docx](#)

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, you can write n/a.

n/a

Question applies to Youth Commission, Peace Commission

Are you under 18 or over 18? If under 18, please provide your DOB. If over 18, you can write n/a

over

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

I am interested in serving on the Youth Commission. I am a lifelong resident of the City of New Haven. As a teen, there were services in place to assist me in my growth and development. For example, I grew up attending the Dixwell Q House where there were all types of services which were educational, social, and enriching. I desire to have a seat at the table to advocate for more services for our youth. I have strong communication skills, and a desire to see the youth of New Haven have all of the resources that they need to be successful in their present and future endeavors. I am vested in them winning in every area of their lives. I am interested in serving on the Commission on Cultural Affairs. I have a background in Diversity Studies, and I had privilege to grow up in New Haven and to be exposed to the richness of its history through enrichment programs such as Ulysses Grant, Arts and Ideas, and a host of events through the Dixwell Q House. I was a trailblazer in high school at Suffield Academy to advocate and to establish the first MLK Day in 1991. Furthermore, as a student at Albertus Magnus College, I have participated in the DEI initiatives. Also, as a current fellow with the Access to Law Program through the Yale Racial and Justice Center, my goal is to become a human rights lawyer to gain expert skills to better serve the undeserved population of this promising city.

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

As a person on the Commission on Disabilities, I would bring an array of experience as a person who has advocated for services for my aged parents and for myself. I am passionate about advocacy and equity for able bodied individuals in every sector of society. I have assisted my dad with getting adequate Veterans and healthcare benefits. Also, I have been instrumental with getting wrap around services for my mother for dual diagnoses. Post an on the job injury, I had to shift my perspective in order to get the wrap around services for myself. To serve as a hearing officer for the Citation for Housing Code, Anti-Blight and Residential Licensing would be an honor and privilege. As a renter throughout my adult life in New Haven, I understand the importance of landlords having properties up to code for the safety and welfare of the tenants. I am a fast learner, and I am detailed oriented. I do believe that there should be adequate representation of individuals who have compassion on the welfare of the undeserved population. I believe that I would be a great candidate.

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?

Democrat

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

☒ African American

Gender

☒ Female

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

Alex Guzhnay

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EDUCATION

Albertus Magnus College | New Haven, CT In Progress: Anticipated Completion March 2026
Master of Public Administration

Charter Oak State College | New Britain, CT August 2020
Bachelor of Arts in General Studies

Gateway Community College | New Haven, CT January 2015
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts Studies

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft (Teams, Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Google (Meet, Gmail, Docs, Drive, Slides, Calendar), Zoom, Millenium

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Skilled Worker / Election Official, Seasonal (Twice per election) | City of New Haven November 2017 to September 2020

- Served as a Checker, Ballot Clerk, Tabulator, and Assistant Registrar on Election Day; assisted Moderator with maintaining order at polling sites.
- Oversaw official checkers, ballot clerks, and tabulators.
- Handled 100+ phone calls for the City of New Haven Registrar of Voters to verify voter information (confirming demographics, name, address, contact information).
- Maintained voter physical records and forms accurately and updated voter information on physical forms.
- Assisted with polling check-in's-confirmed ID's, verified voter information based on paperwork, and assisted voters with questions or concerns.

Recovery Assistant, Part-Time (25 Hours) | Continuum of Care April 2011 to September 2013

- Assisted 6-10 individuals, taught independent living skills such as cooking, housekeeping, and interpersonal skills to re-acclimate them back into the community.
- Drove and accompanied residents to various locations in the community such as grocery stores, banks, doctor's appointments, and social outings.
- Provided clients with medications via pre poured medical boxes, , and maintained logs via Word documents.
- Fill out encounter sheets daily, independent living skills, patient progress, challenges for the week, to track improvements of patients (ex. behavioural concerns, medication side effects, activities).

Library Assistant | New Haven Free Public Library September 1998 to August 2007

- Supported neighborhood youth with the completion of daily homework assignments and tutoring
- Assisted library patrons with library card registration and transferred patrons' library card applications into the Millenium system.
- Provided customer service by answering patron questions both in person, and via telephone.
- Sorted, shelved, and revised library collections-books, magazines, and audiovisual materials.
- Trained twenty part-time team members in library operations.
- Checked library patron's books in and out, removed library fines once fees were paid, and

- removed them from accounts via Millenium.
- Collected cash transactions and processed receipts for payments.

INTERNSHIP/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Fellow | Law and Racial Justice Center-Yale Law School February 2024 to August 2025

- A participant in an innovative law school pipeline program called Access to Law
- Actively involved in academies and one-on-one mentorship sessions
- A recipient of 1 on 1 LSAT instruction and LSAT small group tutoring.

Student Intern | New Haven Probate Court September 2022 to December 2022

- Observed a wide variety of cases at the New Haven Probate Court in bankruptcy, conservatorship, end-of-life determination, and guardianship for adults with special needs, wills, and trusts
- Shadowed trials in the New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court-guardianship, termination of parental rights, adoption, and name change