

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.

Kay

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Last Name

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Initial

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New Haven

City

CT

State

06511

Postal Code

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

☒ Ward 20

Home: (646) 641-5744

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?

Primary Phone. Yes, texts are okay.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Retired

Employer

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?

New Haven Food Policy Council: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Reappointment

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.

[KayAnderson_NHFPC_SOI_Resume.pdf](#)

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.

I submitted a resume so this is not applicable

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

I have worked in food security for several years while living in NY. Since returning to New Haven, I have noticed a need for services in my community, and being born and bred in New Haven gives me stock in the lives of my community members.

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

Being a senior person with health issues, what happens to my fellow citizens and myself is of critical importance, for the health and wellbeing of New Haven as the big picture.

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)?

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?

From New Haven's Food System Policy Division

I returned to New Haven in January of 2020. I had been living in New York working in food insecurity and volunteering on a rooftop farm. My life was exactly as I had envisioned it, it was cut short by COVID. Knowing that I did have a certain level of security, I returned to New Haven anxious to renew my interests in both food and growing.

I was introduced to Doreen Abubakar and volunteered with her in her Urbanscapes Native Plant Nursery in Newhallville. Additionally, she enabled me to participate in the UConn Urban Farming Training Program. During that time, I received a flyer invitation to join an effort to develop food and growing policies in New Haven, and in September of that year, I became a member of the Urban Agriculture Master Plan Community Advisory Board.

The next two years I engaged in community with the purpose of developing laws to enhance the experience of growers and communities in New Haven. Since then, I have graduated from the UConn Master Gardener Program and continue to expand my knowledge on farming through the Cornell Small Farms Program. I hope to use this knowledge to increase access to food and healing for my community.

I think I have explained my devotion to community, the health and wellbeing of both myself, and my community, and further, to my city. To learn more about my professional experience in New York, please see my resume below.

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WORK HISTORY

MANDALA CATERING | New York | June 2019

HELL'S KITCHEN FARM PROJECT | New York | July 2019 –August 2019

Internship Supervisor

Supervised high school students through the HKFP Internship Program.

Taught students about food justice, urban farming, and the variety of methods to prepare and cook produce.

UNITED WAY | New York | (Seasonal Employment) 2018-present

Local Produce Link Community Chef

Recipe demonstrations at food pantries, to encourage healthy eating in low-income communities, and to support local agriculture.

JUST FOOD

Community Chef | New York | (Seasonal Employment) 2016-present

Demonstrate food preparation for corporations, including MDC Consultants, The Horticultural Society, and SOMOS Community Care, and at local New York City health fairs.

EDUCATION

New York City Food Handlers Certificate, 2019

Mandala Kitchens Culinary Training Program, March 2019 – May 2019

Hunter College New York City Food Policy Center, 2017 – present

Courses include: Women and Food, Nutrition and Aging in New York City.

Hunter College Food Policy and Lecture Series, introduction to food policy,

October 2018 – December 2018

CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute, 2017 – present

Courses include: Chartering the Future of Agriculture in NYC, Generation Food: Youth Programming and the Food Justice Program, Eating without Reservation: Insuring Food Safety in New York

New York City Nutrition Education Network, 2017 - 2018

Courses include: Design with Intent: Building Environments that Shape Healthy Behavior, The Tisch Food Center Announce Pair of Reports: Empowered Eaters

Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT, 1974 - 1976

Theatre Major

VOLUNTEER

Hell's Kitchen Farm Project, 2017- present

Community Meal All Souls Episcopal Church, March 2019-May 2019