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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 *Per current voter list, Ms. Wilcox is registered as Unaffiliated.
Which board and/or commission are you hoping to serve on?	Youth Commission At time of interview in 2023, Ms. Wilcox expressed her wish to add Peace Commission to her application as her first choice Board or Commission to seek appointment on.
What is your current occupation?	Community Health Organizer, Clifford Beers
Please explain why you are interested in serving on this board/commission?	Youth in New Haven have my heart. Our most marginalized students will continue to be overlooked if we don't begin to better meet their needs. I have learned to listen with students at Riverside, in order to better understand their path, and to work with them to address their unmet needs. I would like to continue to advocate with these young people.
Why do you believe you are a good fit for this board/commission?	In 2012, I walked into what was the New Light high school location on Dixwell Avenue, at the invitation of Larry Conaway. There to work on an art project, I couldn't overlook the contrast between Conaway's love for his students, and the disgust I felt for the space itself. It was not a place that felt conducive to the healing I knew these students needed. Day after day, lunch was late, as if these kids had been overlooked all together. Some had to leave before eating, to get to work on time, hungry. In 2014, my own son landed in the hands of Larry Conaway, now at their new location on Wooster Square. The small school met the needs of our most vulnerable, and worked to build community in the neighborhood. I will never forget what it feels like to send an expelled child back to school with the hope that he will be ok. I volunteered at Riverside after he graduated, and advocated with the students there as more transitions upset their stability. With COVID, these kids are on my mind. The experiences I've had help me to connect with students, teachers, parents, and even legislators. I'm looking to play a role in community healing. Our students need a healing community, and my hope is to elevate their voices as they heal.
Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?	No.