

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.

Carl

First Name

E.

Middle
Initial

Jackson

Last Name

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Email Address

386 Prospect Street

Home Address

Apartment E2

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06511

Postal Code

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

☒ Ward 21

Mobile: (757) 778-1166

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

Planning Commission

Employer

Principal Transit Planner

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?

City Plan 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.

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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.

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

My name is Carl Jackson, and I am interested in serving on the City Plan Commission. Although I'm a new resident to the city (moved here in 2023), I've discovered that New Haven is an incredibly vibrant, and exciting community that has an impressive history of well-planned parks, public spaces, and walkable neighborhoods. I live in the city's Prospect Hill Historic District, and I love being surrounded by historic homes, world class universities, and the proximity to all the fun events downtown on The Green. I especially enjoy the convenience of being able to walk my daughters to school each morning and still make the morning train to work. I would appreciate the opportunity to help continue making New Haven an enjoyable city for everyone!

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

I believe that I would be a good fit for the City Plan Commission since I recently had the pleasure of serving on the Moving Together Co-Creation Team for the newly adopted Vision 2034 New Haven Comprehensive Plan. I am also an AICP certified urban planner with over 20 years of experience. I have presented numerous zoning applications and plan amendments to planning commissions in my previous positions. I also currently work as staff for a regional planning commission in the Springfield area of Massachusetts. I'm looking forward to using my experience to better serve the residents of New Haven.

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, my work shift ends at 5:30pm and I am available for the regular monthly meetings at 6pm. I can also be available earlier if needed.

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)?

Unaffiliated

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

☒ Male

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

Website

Carl E. Jackson, AICP

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Urban and regional planner certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) with 20 years of professional experience and a Master's degree from Harvard's Graduate School of Design. His specialties include multimodal transportation planning, zoning, land use, and emergency management.

Experience

MAY 2023– PRESENT

Principal Transit Planner/Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Springfield, Massachusetts

Works closely with the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTa) to plan bus and paratransit service, including researching regional and customer demographics, compiling and assessing performance measures, and evaluating systemwide impacts; helps maintain compliance with all Federal Transit Administration (FTA) rules and regulations including the Title VI program, assists PVTa staff with preparation of necessary documentation for FTA Triennial Reviews. Monitors the operational performance of the PVTa system; maintains and analyzes data and statistics; reports and presents findings. Manages the development of competitive grant applications, helped win a \$1.2 million grant from the US Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program in 2023.

APRIL 2018 – MAY 2023

Manager of Transportation Planning/City of Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia

Administered the multimodal transportation system of a historic, waterfront community that features bus transit, ferry, major port and interstate highway network. Managed development of several transportation plans and studies including the city's first bicycle and pedestrian plan. Coordinated project development with city departments and agencies including the state DOT (VDOT). Project lead for the complete streets redevelopment of the High Street Innovation Corridor and the Portsmouth Multimodal Commuter Transportation Center. Reviewed the city's annual service plan with local transit provider and represented the Mayor as an alternate commissioner to the largest transit agency in Virginia (HRT). Represented Portsmouth on the technical committee for the metropolitan planning organization (HRTPO). Helped Portsmouth win numerous transportation grants including a \$19 million grant from the US Department of Transportation RAISE Discretionary Grant program in 2022.

AUGUST 2011 – APRIL 2018

Transportation Planner/Virginia Department of Transportation, Suffolk, Virginia

Assisted in developing plans and studies for one of the fastest growing construction districts in Virginia (Hampton Roads). Lead planner for all park & ride lot maintenance and travel demand management programs in the district. Appointed chairman of the regional TDM organization (TRAFFIX) and co-chaired the district bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee. Coordinator for the roadway construction and urban maintenance program for the district. Reviewed numerous local comprehensive plans, traffic studies and environmental impact statements for state DOT compliance. Developed transportation plans and multimodal needs analysis for rural communities across southeastern Virginia.

MARCH 2007 – AUGUST 2011

Senior Planner/City of Newport News, Newport News, Virginia

Supported the planning and development of land use projects in the largest city on the Virginia peninsula. Presented more than twenty major rezoning and use permit applications to the Planning Commission before a televised audience. Facilitated the development of a future 2500-unit mixed-use project (Huntington Pointe). Managed an FTA New Starts Alternatives Analysis for the Peninsula Rapid Transit Project. Facilitated the development of major bus transfer centers with more than 5,000 boardings per day. Implemented a citywide bus shelter plan with local transit provider (HRT) and authored other major land use and transportation plans adopted by City Council.

Education

[Masters of Urban Planning](#)/Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

[Bachelor of Arts Political Science](#)/Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts

Software Skills

MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Publisher) • Internet Explorer • GIS (Arc Map, ArcView) • Adobe Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, Flash, Acrobat Reader) • Virtual Platforms (Zoom, WebEx, Microsoft Teams)

Achievements

- Published in the American Planning Association (Virginia Chapter) Newsbrief
 - 2015 Third Place Winner of the “Outside the Box” Competition, George Mason University
 - Featured in televised news interviews on ABC-WVEC 13 NEWS and NBC-WAVY TV 10
 - Featured in numerous local newspaper articles in the *Virginian-Pilot* and *Daily Press* regarding several local planning initiatives.
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Professional Organizations

- American Planning Association (APA), Virginia Chapter
 - American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
 - Association of Commuter Transportation (ACT)
 - Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)
 - League of American Bicyclist
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Other Experience

DECEMBER 2005 – MARCH 2007

[Emergency Planner](#)/City of Newport News, Newport News, Virginia

Updated and revised the city’s emergency operations plan and radiological plan for compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) through the Department of Homeland Security. Participated in numerous incident command system exercises and trainings through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and Dominion Virginia Power (Surry Nuclear Power Station). Obtained professional certification from the national Emergency Management Institute. Managed implementation of the Peninsula Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

SEPTEMBER 2004 – MAY 2005

[Assistant Transportation Coordinator](#)/Town of Framingham, Framingham, Massachusetts

Advanced as a graduate student to the position in order to coordinate citizen service requests with the vendor operated public transit system (LIFT). Also reviewed various environmental impact statements including the Natick Mall Expansion and submitted traffic mitigation strategies.

SEPTEMBER 2002 – MAY 2003

[Planning Intern](#)/City of Somerville, Somerville, Massachusetts

Provided technical assistance to planning staff including preliminary review of major developments involving the rezoning of Somerville’s Assembly Square. Authored an undergraduate term paper entitled *Disney World for Adults: IKEA and the Redevelopment of Assembly Square*, a critical look at the impacts of a proposed new big box development in one of the most densely built city in New England.

JUNE 2000 – AUGUST 2000

[Summer Intern](#)/Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, Roxbury, Massachusetts

Provided technical and community analysis to project coordinators. Participated in the DSNi *Model Community Charette*, the annual neighborhood and community meeting giving local residents authority over the general planning of Roxbury’s Dudley Street Corridor.

References available upon request