

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.

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City

CT

State

06519

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?☒ Ward 3

Home: (203) 562-7867

Primary Phone

Mobile: (203) 824-1581

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

Yale University

Employer

Intake Specialist

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?

Board of Police Commissioners: 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, you can write n/a.

n/a

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

I'm interested in being a Police Commissioner as stated in my bio I understands both sides as I have relationships with families of homicide due to gun violence who may not have a relationship with the police I also have relatives and associates on the other side of the law and support them if they are right but if they are wrong I'm going to make sure they aware of their mistakes. I'm born and raised in New Haven I want nothing but greatness for my city and fairness for all residents I will be a voice on this committee that will assist with making a positive change in policing.

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

I'm versatile and I could relate to both sides. I believe I will be an asset to the commission.

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?

City of New Haven web site.

Nakia N. Dawson-Douglas

While no one is a stranger to the violence that occurs in the New Haven area, perhaps no one knows the impact it has on families and the community better than Nakia Dawson-Douglas, who is an Intake Specialist for The Palliative Care Service at Smilow Cancer Hospital.

In her role with The Palliative Care Service at Smilow Cancer Hospital, Nakia handles new patient referrals, setting up appointments for patients, making sure they receive their prescriptions and cross cover Supportive Services. She sees patients come in with varying stages of disease, and cancers. This service focuses on symptom management and quality of life issues for adult patients with serious chronic, progressive, or terminal illnesses.

In addition to her role as Intake Specialist for Palliative Care, she is the Founder and President of The Bereavement Care Network, Inc (BCN), non-profit organization that assist families of homicide due to gun violence in New Haven, CT.

A lifelong resident of New Haven, Nakia's passion comes from a family member and close friend that were both victims of homicide due to gun violence.

Many families do not have the finances to pay for funeral costs, as they may not have life insurance and the deaths are unexpected. BCN reaches out to these families to assist them where they are in need. The membership of 32 also provides families with emotional support and connections to various resources. Most of the funding comes from fundraisers, grants or out of pocket. BCN works closely with all funeral homes, flower shops and cemeteries in New Haven and the surrounding areas.

BCN has hosted a Peace March & Rally on the last Saturday of September since 2012 to honor families that they assist and their supporters. In 2015 this day was proclaimed "Bereavement Care Day" in the city of New Haven by Former Mayor Toni N. Harp, twice a year there is a spring and fall induction of new members which adds to the membership of the organization. BCN is the Co-Sponsor of Mount Calvary Deliverance Tabernacle Pre - Resurrection service which is held yearly; every month BCN is involved in community

service work throughout the city, every other month BCN host a fundraising activity. BCN host vending events as well which allows businesses throughout CT to promote and sell their items and network with other businesses while doing this is just to name a few activities that BCN is involved in. BCN under the leadership of Nakia alongside her Vice President Darrell L. McClam have been very vivid in the New Haven Community since the birth of the organization.

While running this organization Nakia has to work hand and hand with NHPD who she supports wholeheartedly. Nakia has a great relationships with NHPD Chiefs, Assistance Chiefs and many officers on the force. Nakia understands both sides as she has relationships with families of homicide due to gun violence who may not have a relationship with the police but Nakia stays neutral and will speak up for what's right, wrong or if things are not done correct or fairly. Nakia also has family members on the other side of the law who she loves as family and supports them if they are right but if they are wrong she is sure to make them aware of their mistakes.

In 2013 Nakia was the recipient of The Greater New Haven Association of Black Social Workers Community Service Award; 2018 she also received The Community Service Award from Royal Priesthood, Black Hispanic Caucus and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity these awards were all given because of the work that she does with Bereavement Care Network, Inc.

Nakia wears many hats as she was a former member who then became chairperson of the City of New Haven Peace Commission, former member of the Amistad Committee, Inc., former member of the West Haven Black Coalition, Inc., Founder and President of Bereavement Care Network, Inc, Founder of the Hill Legendary Basketball Committee and ordained Missionary at Mount Calvary Deliverance Tabernacle.

Nakia explained that her work with BCN and the Palliative Care Service are intertwined. They both can deal with heartbreaking loss, although the causes are different. "My work in both spaces are aligned with what I believe is my God given purpose. I am here to help others when they need it most." Nakia is the wife of Marquis Douglas and the mother of two beautiful daughters India and Tayden.