

Application Form

Profile

If you have any questions or have difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov or 203-946-7670.

Harvey

First Name

Feinberg

Last Name

Middle
Initial

feinbergs@sbcglobal.net

Email Address

189 Westwood Rd

Home Address

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06515

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?☒ Ward 25

Home: (203) 389-2784

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?**

No

Retired

Employer

Retired

Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://www.newhavenct.gov/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-listed>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Park 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.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

I have served on several city commissions since the 1980s, term limits ended my service on the Commission on Equal Opportunities (2004-2013). I hope that my experience and perspective can make a difference to my service on the Parks Commission.

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

I have been a Parks Commissioner for about two years.. I am looking forward to working with the new director and supporting his plans to improve the care of the parks. We will be creating a new master plan, an important initiative.

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 and clicking on a board/commission.

No

Demographics

In order to stay compliant with State Statute, 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

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

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



City of New Haven Boards and Commissions Application

Please submit either a resumé, CV, or a personal statement of interest with this application.

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First Name:	Harvey	Last Name:	Feinberg
Home Address:	Street: 189 Westwood Rd		
	City: New Haven	State: CT	Zip Code: 06515
Email Address:	feinbergs@sbcglobal.net		
Phone Number:	203-389-2784		
Is this a mobile number?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can we text you on this number?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are you registered to vote in New Haven?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
Are you currently a New Haven Resident? (*City residency is a requirement)	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
*What is your political party registration?	Democrat		

[*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]

What is your current occupation?	Employer: _____ Job Title: Retired - Professor Emeritus of History, SCSU
Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System (NHPS)?	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please select the Board(s) and/or Commission(s) you are interested in serving on. You may apply for more than one, but you can only serve on ONE Board or Commission at a time if you are selected for an appointment.

<input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Board for the Q-House	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Management Advisory Council
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair Rent Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Affirmative Action Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Review & Audit Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Aging Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority (GNHWPCA)
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Assessment Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic District Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Advisory Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Fire Commissioners	<input type="checkbox"/> Humane Commission
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board of Park Commissioners	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Poisoning Advisory Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Library Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Library Board of Directors
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Police Commissioners	<input type="checkbox"/> Livable City Initiative Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Commissioners of New Haven's Port Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Democracy Fund
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Public Health	<input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Food Policy Council
<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Zoning Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Cable TV Advisory Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Projects Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> City Employees Retirement Fund (CERF)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Water Authority (RWA) of South Central Connecticut
<input type="checkbox"/> City Plan Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste and Recycling Authority Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Citywide School Building Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater New Haven Transit District - Board of Directors
<input type="checkbox"/> Civilian Review Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Tweed New Haven Airport Authority Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Emergency Task Force	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Disabilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Equal Opportunities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Affairs Commission	
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Commission	
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Advisory Council	

Is this an appointment or reappointment request?

Appointment ☐
 Reappointment ☒

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Ethnicity/Race

White

Gender

Male

How did you hear about serving on a Board or Commission?

Currently a member of the Board of Park Commissioners

You can return this application to the Mayor's Office located at 165 Church St, 2nd Fl, New Haven CT, scan and email to aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov, or mail to:

Alex A. Guzhnay
Legislative Liaison to the BOA
c/o Mayor's Office
165 Church St., 2nd Fl.
New Haven, CT 06510

RESUMÉ

Name: Harvey Michael Feinberg

Address: 189 Westwood Road
New Haven, Connecticut 06515
Telephone: 203-389-2784

EDUCATION:

Boston University, Ph.D., 1969

Major Field: African History

Secondary Fields: United States Colonial and
Modern European History

The American University, M.A., 1963
School of International Service

Yale University, B.A., 1960

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Member, Board of Park Commissioners, 2022 - 2023; 2023 ----

Member, Board of Directors, New Haven Museum and Historical Society,
November, 2012 ---- 2021

Commissioner, Commission on Equal Opportunities, 2004 - 2013

Chairman, 2009 - 2013

Vice Chairman, 2007 - 2009

Commissioner, Financial Review and Audit Commission, New Haven,
March 2001 - January, 2004

Commissioner, The Airport Commission for the City of New Haven,
February 1, 1996 - July 1, 1998

The New Haven Block Watch Association:

President, 1995 - 1997

Vice-President, 1994

Treasurer, 1993

Westville representative to the Block Watch Assoc., 1989 - 1999

Commissioner, Capital Projects Committee, City of New Haven,
Jan. 1986 - December 31, 1989

Member, Regional Planning Agency of South Central Connecticut,
representing the City of New Haven, December, 1982 - Jan. 31, 1985

Justice of the Peace, 1989 - 1997

Member, 25th Democratic Ward Committee, New Haven, 1983 --
Member, 21st Ward Democratic Committee, New Haven,
1972-1982 and Executive Board, 1978-1982

COMMUNITY TALKS AND LECTURES: 24

PROFESSIONAL LIFE

EMPLOYMENT:

The Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., 1961-1963

Southern Connecticut State University, 1969 --- 2006

Professor Emeritus of History 2006 ----

Professor of History, 1980 --- 2006

Associate Professor of History, 1974-1980

Assistant Professor of History, 1969-1974

ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS (since 1985):

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 1999-2000

Associate Fellow, The Southern African Research Program,
Yale University, 1993-1994

Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Fellowship, Summer, 1991
"Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia in Transition"

Visiting Fellow, Yale University, 1990-1991

The American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia:

Fellowship for Research in South Africa, August-Nov., 1992

Fellowship for Research in South Africa, February-June, 1985

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION:

"Elmina, Ghana: A History of its Development and Relationship with the Dutch in the Eighteenth Century"

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (*inter alia*):

Member, National Screening Committee, Fulbright-Hays Program, to evaluate applications to pursue study, research or professional training abroad, Fall, 1997

Official Observer for the South African Elections,
April 26-April 29, 1994

National Endowment for the Humanities: Evaluator of proposals for the Division of Research Programs, 1987; 1989; 1993; 1994.

Member of the U.S. Department of Education Review Panel to evaluate proposals for the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program, December, 1993, December, 1994

Consultant for Microsoft Encarta, a multi-media encyclopedia: I evaluated the African History materials, Dec. 1993-January, 1994

Evaluator of the Africa chapters in The Heritage of World Civilizations, 2nd edition, for Macmillan Publishing Company, 1988

Consultant to the International Journal of African Historical Studies - for evaluation of submitted manuscripts on Ghana History and African History, 1969 - -

PUBLICATIONS

Latest Book

Our Land, Our Life, Our Future: Black South African Challenges to Territorial Segregation, 1913-1948, Pretoria: University of South Africa Press, 2015.

First Book: Africans and Europeans in West Africa: Elminans and Dutchmen on the Gold Coast during the Eighteenth Century, Philadelphia: The American Philosophical Society, 1989.

1 chapter in an edited book

Conference Proceedings C.D. Rom, 1998

23 journal articles, including The Journal of African History, The International Journal of African Historical Studies, History in Africa, Historia, Kleio

25 book reviews

Internet Working Paper, Council on African Studies, Yale, 2001

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: 61 [in the U. S., Ghana, The Netherlands, South Africa, Great Britain, Italy]

Most Recent Articles -

"Black South Africans and the Courts, 1919-1938," Michael Eastman and Harvey M. Feinberg, Journal of Southern African Studies, forthcoming.

"We met. We talked. But did they listen?" Black South African Leaders' Participation in African-White Conferences, 1922-1933." International Journal of African Historical Studies, 53, 1 (2020), 97-121.

"Black New Haven Residents during the Nineteenth Century," Connecticut History Review, 57, 2 (Fall, 2018), 197-212.

"South African Territorial Segregation: New Data On African Farm Purchases, 1913-1936," The Journal of African History, 50, 1 (2009), 41-60. (with Andre Horn, University of Pretoria).

"Black South African Initiatives and the Land, 1913-1948," Journal for Contemporary History, 34, 2 (June, 2009), 39-61.

"Protest in South Africa: Prominent Black Leaders' Commentary on the Natives Land Act, 1913-1936," Historia (South Africa), 51, 2 (November, 2006), 119-144.

"Trusteeship and Black Landownership in the Transvaal During the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," Kleio (South Africa), 36, 2004, 170-193 (with Johan Bergh, University of Pretoria).

"Out of Africa," The Journal of African History, 43, 2 (2002), 255-261 (with Joseph Solodow).