

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.

Gaston

First Name

Neville

Last Name

Middle
Initial

gastonneville@gmail.com

Email Address

84 Barnett Sreet

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 27

Home: (203) 675-9430

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

MassINC

Employer

Gateway Cities Innovation
Institute Intern

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 Zoning Appeals: Not Submitted
City Plan Commission: Submitted
Cultural Affairs Commission: Submitted
Greater New Haven Transit District Board of Directors: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Appointment

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you seeking a mayoral appointment/reappointment or a appointment/reappointment from the Board of Alders? Mayoral appointments go through the Mayor's Office, while Aldermanic appointments go through the Alders Office of Legislative Services. *

None Selected

Question applies to multiple boards

*Note: If this is an appointment or reappointment request for a Board of Alders slot, please contact the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) at (203) 946-8371 or at alucas@newhavenct.gov if you have any questions on the progress of your appointment. The Mayor's Office is not involved in the timeline of Aldermanic appointees, but forwards any interested applicants for those slots to OLS.

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.

[Transportation_Gaston_Neville_Resume_2025_.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, you can write n/a.

n/a

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

As a native Elm City resident, I have a vested interest in the future of my city. I want to help stir New Haven in the right direction to the best of my ability.

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

I not only grew up in New Haven, but also recently completed my masters degree in Urban Policy and Planning at Tufts University. As such, I bring the latest research, best practices and innovations in urban planning and policy with me. Above all, I would bring my passion for sustainable planning to the board and commissions.

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

☒ Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

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

Referral from Legislative Liaison to the Board of Alders Alex Guzhnay

GASTON NEVILLE

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EDUCATION

Tufts University

Master of Arts: Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning

University of Connecticut

Double Major: Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies and Environmental Studies

Medford, MA

Expected Graduation: May 2025

Storrs, CT

Relevant Masters Courses: *Intro to GIS, Quantitative Statistics, Transportation Planning*

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth (MassINC), Gateway Cities Innovation Institute

Boston, MA

Transit Equity Intern

| August 2024-Present

- Collaborate with public agencies (MBTA), nonprofits (TransitMatters), and municipal governments to assess transportation challenges and policy solutions in the greater Boston metro area.
- Contributed to the "Fair Fares" report by analyzing station parking data, fare structures, and legislative bills, providing insights for equitable fare policies for regional rail
- Researched innovative fare and survey collection technologies and policies

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Boston, MA

Environmental Justice Intern

| May – August 2024

- Conducted outreach to municipalities, small businesses, and environmental justice organizations through-out the state to ensure compliance with environmental standards and educate on sustainable development policies.
- Mapped and analyzed high-priority environmental justice communities to inform equitable climate adaptation and resiliency planning efforts.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

Boston, MA

Intern

| June – August 2024

- Executed regional environmental resilience campaigns in the greater Boston metro area.
- Assessed environmental preparedness plans for strengths and gaps, creating targeted recommendations for MAPC municipalities.
- Facilitated presentations to municipal staff on planning issues and drafted mayoral communications to engage stakeholders.

Tufts University, Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning Department

| **Medford, MA**

Research Associate

| August – December 2023

- Researched and analyzed community-university partnerships, focusing on sustainable collaborations
- Set up and video recorded academic seminars on various topics, led audience engagement

Yale University, Yale School of the Environment

New Haven, CT

Environmental Analyst & Community Outreach Coordinator

| May 2020 – July 2023

- Led efforts for New Haven's first environmental justice research data repository, compiling and organizing relevant published research to support community-driven policy initiatives.
- Collaborated with local government officials, including the mayor of New Haven, to develop community-driven climate adaptation policies, ensuring alignment with city, as well as state and federal, sustainability goals.
- Led public outreach campaigns to educate residents on the benefits of nature-based solutions, flood mitigation strategies, and sustainable land use planning

University of Connecticut, Sustainable Transportation Committee

Storrs, CT

Advocacy Coordinator

| October 2019 - April 2020

- Collaborated with micro mobility company, creating a comprehensive plan to install e-scooters on campus, led survey campaign
- Executed 'Community Ride Day', shutting down roads, and partnering with campus groups for day of micro-mobility education
- Led a successful campaign to permanently close the main campus road (Hillside Road) to vehicular traffic, creating a safer, more pedestrian-friendly environment, leading to UConn achieving "Bicycle Friendly Campus" award (LAB) the following year, becoming the only school in the state besides Yale University to achieve this award.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Skill: Bilingual English and Spanish; Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Outlook, Teams; Adobe Photoshop, Canva, InDesign; LinkedIn Recruiter, ArcGIS Pro, Python, STATA

Certification, Honors and Fellowship: *Racial Equity in Policy and Planning Fellow ((REPP), Tufts University)*: Co-develop and facilitate racial equity programming for planning students and professionals in greater Boston. *Impact Delta Leadership Certificate* (University of Connecticut), *Upsilon Sigma Honor Society* (Urban Affairs Association)