



Application for Boards and Commissions

City of New Haven, CT

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Are you a current New Haven resident?	Yes
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Are you a registered voter in New Haven?	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]	Democrat
What is your current occupation?	Professor
Please upload a resume, short bio or personal statement of interest	Waters_CV_NHPT.pdf
New Haven Boards & Commissions Listed	Historic District Commission
Please explain why you are interested in serving on this board/commission?	When I moved to New Haven, I fell in love with the city's architecture and quickly got involved in New Haven Preservation Trust as a way to learn more about the local built environment. Since then, I have joined the board and taken up the position of Vice President. In these roles, I have worked to further the recently adopted strategic plan, which seeks to engage a broader and more diverse group of residents and demonstrate the relevance of historic preservation to issues confronting our community today. I am interested in serving on the Historic District Commission as the NHPT representative not only to insure the preservation and protection of the distinctive architectural character of New Haven's three local historic districts, but also to make sure residents receive just and equitable treatment as well as necessary assistance.

Why do you believe you are a good fit for this board/commission?	<p>I am an architectural historian with over twenty years of experience. I have degrees in both art history and architectural history, and I have taught the history of architecture for nearly a decade. I have a strong interest in American architecture and have written and given talks about historic buildings in Connecticut. I am also knowledgeable about historic preservation, having taken classes on the subject during my undergraduate and graduate education. Having recently undertaken rehabilitation work on our home, built in 1906, I've also gained a good deal of practical experience. In addition to these qualifications, I believe strongly in public service and good government, and look forward to the opportunity to serve the city of New Haven and its residents.</p>
Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?	<p>Occasionally I have evening work obligations, but I do not anticipate having to miss any meetings in the foreseeable future.</p>