

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

06511

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?☒ Ward 24

Mobile: (475) 214-3358

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?**

First and only one and yes.

Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?☐ Yes ☒ No

Self

Employer

Dog Walker/ Sitter

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?

Humane 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.

[Human_Resume_AD.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 OR you are seeking reappointment, you can write n/a.

N/a

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

I am looking forward to have the opportunity to serve on the Humane Commission, hoping it allows me to begin giving animal welfare in the city I grew up in. I will have a bigger platform to continue advocating for dogs while educating my community on proper dog care, behavior and responsible owner ship. Im most excited to build a stronger connection with the Robin Kroogman New Haven Animal Shelter and outreach in underserved neighborhoods of New Haven.

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

I believe I am a great fit for the Human Commission because I have dedicated time to learn about animal shelter systems and challenges the dogs face both locally and globally. I'm fully committed to finding a forever home for every animal in the shelters as well as re-imaging shelters as resource center's for pet parents. Keeping animals out of shelters and in safe loving homes.

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.

I make my own schedule so 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?

I was reached out by a board member

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OBJECTIVE

Passionate and community oriented small businesses owner and dog welfare advocate with hands on experience with dog handling, event planning, and education. Spirited to reducing the amount of animal shelters intake by educating the community, collaborations and advocacy. Looking forward to contribute to the Humane Commision with a goal oriented approach.

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Elm City Dog Project

Nov 2019 - Present

- Operate a dog walking and pet sitting business with a mission-driven model of donating a portion of proceeds to animal rescue and welfare organizations.
- Educate clients and the public on dog safety, behavior, enrichment, and responsible ownership.
- Established The Elm City Dog Project With a mission driven initiative to advocate for strays and shelter groups through education, outreach and community engagemen.
- Built grassroots community partnership. Increasing the business mission through seasonal fundraisers, public events and social media content.
- Organize dog-friendly community events (e.g. Howl-o-Ween, dog Easter egg hunts) in collaboration with local businesses and the New Haven Parks Department.

Paw Haven

Sept 2021 - Aug 2022

- Pack leader for indoor and outdoor door dog groups. Managed structured and safe dog socialization.
- Maintained high standard cleanliness for the establishment including sanitizing dog play areas, individual kennels and ensuring dogs had proper care during overnight boarding.
- Supervised the crew members. Overseeing daily activities and guiding the team to ensure safety and enjoyable work environment.
- Ensured dog safety, monitored behavior, and implemented enrichment activities.
- Trained new staff and led daily team operations to ensure high-quality care and cleanliness.

KEY SKILLS

- Small business Management
- Event Planning and Marketing
- Community Outreach
- Social Media Management
- Animal Care Advocacy
- Dog Handling
- Team Supervision and training
- Dog Behavior & Body Language reading

REFERENCES

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