



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?	Assistant Professor of Communication Studies: educator and researcher
Please upload a resume, short bio or personal statement of interest	Mark Congdon_CV_July 2023.pdf
New Haven Boards & Commissions Listed	Board of Education Commission on Disabilities Commission on Equal Opportunities Cultural Affairs Commission Development Commission Environmental Advisory Council Youth Commission
Please explain why you are interested in serving on this board/commission?	<p>The city of New Haven holds immense significance to me, not only as a place I call home but also as a vibrant hub of cultural diversity, development, education, and empowerment. My experiences, both personal and professional, have cultivated in me a deep-seated passion for community engagement. This passion is what drives my interest in serving on these boards and commissions.</p> <p>Firstly, my experience in nonprofit organizations has repeatedly shown me the power of active participation and collaboration in the</p>

community. Through events and programs, I've witnessed the positive impact that can be achieved when resources, ideas, and efforts are channeled in a constructive direction. Particularly, my work in youth programs has highlighted the importance of fostering an environment conducive to the growth and development of our young minds.

Moreover, my exposure to diverse populations in clinical settings provides me a unique lens through which I view issues related to disabilities and equal opportunities. Everyone deserves a voice, and these commissions ensure that no individual or group remains marginalized.

The Cultural Affairs Commission and Environmental Advisory Council resonate deeply with my values, as I've been involved in multicultural events, projects, and environmental initiatives. New Haven's diverse tapestry requires informed and compassionate guidance to promote cultural inclusivity and sustainable development, areas I've dedicated significant portions of my professional life to.

In summary, my interest lies in not just serving but uplifting our community to its highest potential.

Why do you believe you are a good fit for this board/commission?

Each board and commission has its unique demands, and I believe that the amalgamation of my experiences provides me with the tools to serve them effectively.

For the ****Board of Education****: My tenure with nonprofit organizations and work in youth programs equips me with firsthand knowledge about the challenges and opportunities our educational systems face. I understand the importance of a robust education framework and am committed to ensuring that every student gets the best possible opportunities.

****Commission on Disabilities and Commission on Equal Opportunities****: My clinical background has afforded me the privilege to work with a diverse clientele, helping me understand the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and those from marginalized backgrounds. I am deeply committed to fostering an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

****Cultural Affairs Commission****: My involvement in multicultural events positions me well to contribute to the promotion and celebration of New Haven's rich cultural diversity.

****Development Commission****: My experience in community engagement through nonprofit initiatives has given me insights into how development can be both sustainable and beneficial to all residents.

****Environmental Advisory Council****: My engagement in

environmental projects aligns with the council's goals. I am deeply passionate about environmental conservation and believe in adopting sustainable practices that can safeguard New Haven's natural resources for future generations.

****Youth Commission****: The future of any community lies in its youth. My work in youth programs has demonstrated to me the significance of equipping the younger generation with the right tools, resources, and opportunities to become responsible and empowered citizens.

To serve New Haven through these boards and commissions would be a privilege. I bring with me not just my professional experiences but a sincere dedication to the welfare and progress of this community.

Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?

No but I teach during the workday