

Greetings! My name is Leslie Starkes. I have been a New Haven resident for the past 9 years. I am interested in participating in either the Affordable housing commission, Housing authority, or the homeless advisory commission. I have interest in these commissions because I have been working at an agency that helps to house individuals experiencing homelessness and I would like to advocate for and serve as a strong voice for those who are often not heard. Working in this field, I have witnessed firsthand what the devastation that lack of affordable housing is doing to the community. I have volunteered at soup kitchens in the past and Habitat for humanity and it's always a fulfilling experience. Although I sometimes need to utilize community resources, I am a firm believer that you need to "be the change you wish to see in the world". If chosen to volunteer on one the commissions or boards, I would gain self-fulfillment and satisfaction from helping the community.