

Application Form

Profile

If you have any questions or have difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov or 203-946-7670.

John Russo
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Email Address

95 Roger Road
Home Address Suite or Apt

New Haven CT 06515
City State Postal Code

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

☒ Ward 26

Home: (203) 415-8459 Home: (203) 389-5064
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?

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Employer Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://www.newhavenct.gov/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-listed>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Livable City Initiative Board: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

☒ Reappointment

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.

[Russo_John_LCI_Resume.docx](#)

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.

Evidently I could not load my resume. I have been a resident of New Haven since 1945 and have been active in many boards. I have been Chair of City Plan, and Port Authority as well as chair of Columbus House in New Haven. I currently chair the LCI board. I have always been involved in City and Non Profits I enjoy serving the City of my live long home

Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

I wish to give back to my city

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

LCI Development Commission

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 and clicking on a board/commission.

No

Demographics

In order to stay compliant with State Statute, 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

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

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

Been serving for many years

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Excel	Microsoft Outlook	Routronics	Mas90	Peachtree
Auto Manager	Microsoft Word	Quickbooks	Yardi	Primavera

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Accountant**, Pike International, New Haven, CT. 2019-Pres.
- Serving as accountant, working with CPA's to bring books up to date.
 - Spearheaded effort to improve accounting entry operations.
- Substitute Teacher**, Kelly Educational Systems, Hamden CT 2018-2019
- Substituted at various levels from Kindergarten to High School.
 - Followed lesson plans left by teacher and improvised when necessary.
- Accountant/Auditor**, The New England Restaurant Group, Hamden, CT 2017-2017
- Prepared Financial Statements.
 - Brought up four years of books for six companies, to date that were behind.
 - Reconciled all bank accounts for all companies for all years.
 - Analyzed and balanced all accounts. Used MAS 90 and excel to facilitate effort.
- Substitute Teacher**, New Haven Public Schools, New Haven, CT. 2016-2017
- Substituted at various levels from Kindergarten to High School.
 - Followed lesson plans left by teacher and improvised when necessary.
- Controller**, Olympia Properties, LLC, New Haven, CT 2007-2015
- Managed financial statements, banking, and financial systems for a large property management company with **twenty five locations and annual revenue of \$4,000,000**. Used Yardi software to record transactions, and excel for financial statement preparation.
 - Oversaw treasury functions and IT operations.
 - Prepared, managed, and balanced budgets. Prepared proformas and worked with banks for refinancing to improve cash flow.
 - Handled International Transactions.
- Consultant/Project Manager**, New Haven, CT 2003-2007
- Served clientele, providing consulting and project management services addressing their finance, accounting, information technology and operational management needs.
 - Implemented an integrated transportation and freight consolidation, movement, and EDI tracking system at Cargo Connection Logistics Corp, enabling client to have ability to follow goods from point of origin to point of delivery.
 - Developed system to **enhance revenues (25%) and decrease parts costs (7%)** at a copier company. Used payroll incentives, monitored program with excel.
 - Managed construction financing to maximize bonding capacity, using effective accounting methods such as of Balance Sheet Equipment Financing that met with FASB 13 rules.
 - Developed a labor monitoring system which **improved labor costs by 12%**. This was done using compensation incentives, excel, and Primavera.

Executive Vice President, Boehle's Express, Inc., Berlin, CT

1998-2002

- Recruited to oversee all financial, accounting, safety and compliance functions. Actively involved in devising approaches for improving efficiency within the Operations areas.
- Developed incentive and audit program for driver safety awareness. **Reduced overall insurance costs by 25% and workers' compensation by .**

EDUCATION

B.S. Accounting, Quinnipiac College, Hamden, CT

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Leadership and Decision-Making in Organizations,
Yale University School of Organization and Management, New Haven, CT
Role of Business Analyst, Gateway Community College, New Haven, CT

COMPETENCIES

- Analyzing information and Data
- Auditing
- Controlling and monitoring situations
- Problem Resolution
- Cutting Costs and Enhancing Revenues
- Managing Projects
- Organizing and Persuading Others
- Strategizing
- Writing Speeches for self and others
- Making Presentations

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, Marrakech, Inc., New Haven, CT
Past Chair, City Plan Commission, New Haven, CT
Past Chair, Port Authority, New Haven, CT
Past Chair, Columbus House, New Haven, CT
Member, Knights of Columbus , Council 10705