

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 8

Mobile: (510) 209-8613

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?**

Mobile, yes

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

Yale Cancer Center

Employer

Community Outreach
Manager

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?

New Haven Food Policy Council: 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.

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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.

n/a

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

I am eager to join the New Haven Food Policy Council to contribute my experience in public health, food systems advocacy, and community engagement toward building a more just and sustainable local food system. Through my work with the National Young Farmers Coalition, the CT General Assembly, and Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, I have developed skills in policy analysis, community-based partnerships, and advancing food justice initiatives. As a New Haven resident committed to health equity, environmental stewardship, and grassroots collaboration, I am excited to help strengthen policies that expand food access, support urban agriculture, and empower our diverse communities.

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

I believe I would be a strong addition to the New Haven Food Policy Council because of my deep commitment to advancing food justice and my demonstrated ability to bridge policy, research, and community action. With a background in public health, federal agriculture policy, and local food systems, I bring both practical and policy-level experience to the table. My work with organizations such as the National Young Farmers Coalition, Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, and Root Life has equipped me with the skills to engage diverse stakeholders, advocate for equitable food access, and support sustainable urban agriculture initiatives. I am skilled in collaborative leadership, community-centered policymaking, and research translation—essential qualities for supporting the Council's mission to build a just, inclusive, and resilient food system for New Haven.

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.

Website shows: Regular Meeting Time TBD as of 2025

The New Haven Food Policy Council currently does not have a set meeting time. If appointed, what time of day / day of the week works best for you?

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?

Democratic

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

☒ Other

Gender

☒ Female

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

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EDUCATION

Yale School of Public Health

*Master of Public Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences Department,
U.S. Health Justice Concentration*

2022 – 2024
New Haven, CT

San Jose State University

Bachelor of Science, Nutritional Science

2008 – 2012
San Jose, CA

WORK EXPERIENCE

National Young Farmers Coalition, United States

Root & Bloom, Federal Agriculture Policy Fellow

Sept 2024 – Present

- Selected as a Root & Bloom Fellow to deepen advocacy skills and advance equitable food systems, exploring the intersection of federal agriculture policy, racial equity, and local food security initiatives
- Develop strategic leadership and policy change skills through research, independent project work, and federal advocacy, including facilitating an in-district meeting with Congressional leadership to uplift farmer-led solutions to food insecurity

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Center for Community Engagement and Health Equity, Community Outreach Manager

Sept 2024 – Present

- Lead community outreach and engagement initiatives, advancing cancer prevention, health equity, and statewide partnerships
- Support research dissemination, stakeholder engagement, and grant development to align with National Cancer Institute goals

Equity Research & Innovation Center, Graduate Student Research Intern

Sept 2022 – Dec 2024

- Recipient of the National Institute of Health & National Library of Medicine Diversity Supplement (3R01LM013477-03S2)
- Conduct in-depth research on trauma-informed digital interventions, supporting the development of an innovative application that assists formerly incarcerated individuals in their transition back home

Health Policy Practicum, CT General Assembly Fellow, The Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity, and Opportunity

Jan – May 2024

- Analyzed and advocated for state legislation on food security, directly influencing policy enhancements and nutritional access improvements across CT
- Developed strategic initiatives to address food deserts, leveraging legislative analysis to propose policy innovations that aim to significantly boost community access to nutritious food and promote economic opportunity

Advocacy and Activism, Teaching Fellow

Jan – May 2024

- Enhanced students' abilities to develop and implement community organizing and health advocacy strategies
- Simplified complex advocacy and community organizing concepts to improve student understanding and real-world application

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Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK), New Haven, CT

Jun 2021 – Present

Board of Directors, Member

- Advance food security and community health, supporting strategic initiatives to expand services for unhoused and low-income populations
- Contribute financial oversight and strategic input as a Finance Committee member, ensuring ethical stewardship and sustainability during DESK's growth and development

Root Life LLC., New Haven, CT

Community Composting Apprentice

Jun – Oct 2025

- Built and managed compost systems across four urban farm sites, overseeing collection, sorting, active composting, and final soil production to support local food systems
- Facilitated community composting workshops and contributed to urban farming initiatives, advancing sustainable agriculture and community education efforts

Urban Farming Apprentice

Jun – Oct 2024

- Trained in organic urban farming techniques, including crop planning, composting, soil health, permaculture design, and value-added food production
- Supported food relief efforts and community supported agriculture (CSA) production while engaging in community education through farmers markets, cooking demos, and youth programming

Aspetuck Land Trust, Fairfield County, CT

Microforest Grant: Intern

Aug – Dec 2023

- Championed urban afforestation projects in Bridgeport, employing the innovative Miyawaki Method to significantly enhance biodiversity, carbon capture, and stormwater management in the region with the lowest tree canopy in CT
- Led research component by conducting focus groups to assess environmental literacy

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Yale Cancer Center & Office of Health Equity Research: Sr. Administrative Assistant

Jun 2019 – Aug 2022

- Managed end-to-end logistics (e.g., travel, meeting itineraries, seminar presentations, search committees) for over 200 high-level recruitment candidates at *Yale Cancer Center* and *Smilow Cancer Hospital*
- Acted as a key information resource on faculty policies, independently resolving inquiries and ensuring departmental compliance
- Seamlessly managed intricate executive schedules while facilitating communications with university bodies, local groups, and federal agencies, including the *White House* and the *Department of Health and Human Services* for the *Chair of COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force*

TubeScience, Los Angeles, CA

Feb 2018 – June 2019

Recruiting Coordinator

- Streamlined the interview process using Greenhouse, accelerating candidate progression and achieving a 50% headcount growth from 80 to 120 within six months
- Overhauled the recruitment workflow, standardizing a two-week time-to-fill benchmark following initial application submissions

Production Coordinator & Production Assistant

- Directed post-production operations, ensuring the consistent delivery of over 100 videos weekly
- Developed and implemented training materials for new production team members, optimizing onboarding processes and efficacy

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AT&T Inc., Milpitas, Fremont & Glendale, CA

Feb 2013 – Nov 2016

Assistant Sales Manager

- Led a flagship store with 32 direct reports and a team of 5 managers, surpassing sales targets through strategic coaching and detailed analysis of performance metrics
- Maintained a dynamic performance tracking system, rewarding excellence with incentives, and cultivated a continuous learning culture through a comprehensive digital platform and exclusive industry partnerships
- Championed compliance and audit preparedness by ensuring complete annual training and conducting regular practice audits, maintaining meticulous records for internal and regulatory standards

Retail Sales Consultant

- Surpassed sales objectives and delivered exceptional customer service by tailoring telecommunication solutions to individual needs

ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

• CT BIPOC Farmers Circle – <i>Member</i>	2023 – Present
• Armory Community Garden – <i>Volunteer</i>	2022 – Present
• New Haven Pride Center – <i>Peer Support Mentor</i>	2021 – Present
• Black at Yale School of Public Health Student Association – <i>Co-Chair</i>	2022 – 2024
• Prevention of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (PLUS) – <i>Research Consulting Participant</i>	2020 – 2023
• Yale Cancer Center, Center for Research Engagement (CRE) – <i>Cancer Subcommittee</i>	2021 – 2022
• Yale School of Medicine, Q-Forward – <i>Planning Committee</i>	2021 – 2022
• Medicare For All CT – <i>Board of Directors & Outreach Committee</i>	2021 – 2022
• Yale African American Affinity (YAAA) – <i>Social Justice Committee</i>	2020 – 2022
• National Asian American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF) Power Up Conference – <i>Workshop Co-facilitator</i>	2019