

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.

Tyshawn (tai)

First Name

Walker

Last Name

Middle
Initial

info@taiwalker.com

Email Address

199 Apt 3R

Home Address

Suite or Apt

NEW HAVEN

City

CT

State

06513

Postal Code

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

None Selected

Home: (646) 431-2730

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?**

YES

WNE

Employer

LAW STUDENT

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?

Development Commission: On Agenda

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *☒ Appointment

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you seeking a mayoral appointment/reappointment or a appointment/reappointment from the Board of Alders? Mayoral appointments go through the Mayor's Office, while Aldermanic appointments go through the Alders Office of Legislative Services. *

☒ Mayoral Appointment

Question applies to multiple boards

*Note: If this is an appointment or reappointment request for a Board of Alders slot, please contact the Office of Legislative Services (OLS) at (203) 946-8371 or at alucas@newhavenct.gov if you have any questions on the progress of your appointment. The Mayor's Office is not involved in the timeline of Aldermanic appointees, but forwards any interested applicants for those slots to OLS.

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.

[Tai_Walker_Resume_2025.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, you can write n/a.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Fair Rent Commission

Are you a landlord, renter, or someone who works with either landlords or renters? If so, please explain which?

No. Former commercial tenant.

Question applies to Board of Appeals

Do you have 5 or more years of experience in design, supervision or building construction? If so, which?

Yes, in restaurant build out constructions

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

Based on my experiences, particularly in compliance, dispute resolution, business operations management, and community involvement, I am interested in serving on a board or commission because I want to leverage my diverse skillset to contribute to an organization's strategic direction and oversight.

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

My diverse background and commitment to community engagement make me believe I would be a valuable asset to a board or commission. Furthermore, my legal training at Western New England School of Law, where I am a Public Interest Scholar and a Yale to Access Law School Fellow, has given me a strong foundation in legal principles, ethical considerations, and critical analysis. My diverse experiences in legal environments, compliance, strategic management, and community involvement have equipped me with a comprehensive skillset that would allow me to contribute meaningfully to the deliberations and initiatives of a board or commission. I am prepared to bring my analytical abilities, strategic thinking, and dedication to service to support the organization's mission effectively.

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.

Generally Unavailable Mon-Weds 6-9PM

Demographics

In order to stay compliant with State Statute, what is your political affiliation on your voter registration?

Independent

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

☒ African American

Gender

☒ Male

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

Referral by Mayors Office

TAI WALKER

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EDUCATION

Western New England School of Law

Jurist Doctor Candidate

Springfield, MA

Expected May 2027

Honors: Public Interest Scholar Recipient; 2024-2025 Shipman Goodwin LCD Scholar Mentee.

Activities: *1L Day Representative* for Business Law Student Association, *Second Vice President*, Labor & Employment Law Society, *General Body Member*, Black Law Student Association.

Champlain College

Master of Science in Law: Business, Contracts, and Employment Law

Burlington, VT

May 2015

Liberty University

Bachelor of Science in Communications: Advertising & Public Relations

Lynchburg, VA

May 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Green Egg Designs, LLC

Compliance & Dispute Resolution Officer

Hartford, CT

Mar. 2023 — Apr. 2025

- Monitor and investigate unauthorized use of the company's registered trademarks and patents.
- Drafted and sent cease and desist letters to corporations infringing on the company's patented product.
- Collaborated with outside counsel to discuss pre-litigation case strategy and preparation.
- Negotiated settlements for company debts, reducing outstanding liabilities.

Office of State Representative Maryam Khan (Connecticut).

2024 Election Campaign Manager

Hartford, CT

Jun. 2024 — Nov. 2024

- Successfully executed campaign operations, outlining objectives, policies, and initiatives under state law.
- Implemented community outreach strategies, helping increase candidate visibility and voter registration.
- Collaborated with the campaign team to analyze budget constraints and develop cost-effective strategies.

CTPardons Day Coalition/ Hercules Law, LLC

Temp Legal Assistant

Hartford, CT

Aug. 2024 — Nov. 2024

- Assisted lead attorney with client intakes and processing, ensuring smooth and efficient handling of cases.
- Drafted written memos briefing key aspects of client's issue, relevant facts, and laws for attorney review.

Rek'Law Public Interest Group

Founder & Public Advocate

Hartford, CT

Feb. 2023 — Apr. 2024

- Built strong working relationships with legal professionals and community stakeholders.
- Helped individuals research, source, and retain reputable attorney representation for their legal matters.
- Coordinated initial legal consultations, articulation of facts, document review, and notetaking.

Law Office of Globman & Marcus, P.C.

Temp Legal Assistant

Hartford, CT

Jan. 2024 — Jan. 2024

- Managed client intake, appointment scheduling, organized electronic case files.
- Assisted attorney with drafting motion responses to the U.S. Immigration Court.

Law Office of Maryam M.K. Bitar, LLC*Operations Legal Assistant Internship***Hartford, CT**

Sept. 2023 — Dec. 2023

- Managed legal operations, including calendar management, portfolio expansion, client intake and acquisition, contributing to the firm's monthly revenue growth upward \$20,000-\$30,000.
- Assisted attorney with pre-litigation efforts, response to subpoenas, proffers, and mediation matters.

The Tai Walker Company, LLC*Restaurateur & Management Consultant***New York/Connecticut**

Oct. 2012 — Sept. 2023

- Successfully owned and managed multiple restaurant locations over a decade, implemented a profitable business model resulting in consistent monthly revenue growth upward \$40k-150K, exceeding sales targets and demonstrating strong business acumen and leadership.
- Drafted and negotiated work-for-hire contracts, trademark licensing agreements, and commercial retail leases, ensuring favorable terms and conditions for existing and new restaurant locations.
- Represented the company at administrative hearings related to tax, labor & employment, and health law, successfully resolving disputes and ensuring compliance.
- Hired, trained, and supervised over 200 employees, fostering a positive work environment and ensuring operational efficiency, protocols, written procedures, employee handbooks, job duties, and descriptions.

CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Yale University School of Law

Access to Law School Pipeline Fellow

Summer Legal Writing and Research Fellow

New Haven, CT

Aug. 2020 — Apr. 2024

Jun. 2024 — Aug. 2024

Kaufman by SUNY Levin Institute

Certificate of Entrepreneurial Achievement

Manhattan, NY

May 2015

Executive Real Estate/ Estate Homes

Licensed Real Estate Agent

CT/NY

Aug. 2008 — Jul. 2012

New England School of Real Estate

Certificate of Real Estate Principles & Practice

Wethersfield, CT

Jul. 2008

PRO BONO AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

WNE School of Law Global Justice Clinic and The Center for New Americans*Legal Volunteer***Springfield, MA**

April 4, 2025

- Assisted at a one-day event helping refugees complete their green card applications.

Northeast Black Law Students Association/CT Pardons Day Coalition*Legal Volunteer***New Haven, CT**

Jun. 2024 — Current

- Assisted an annual event focused on helping individuals clear their criminal records and restore their rights.

University of Hartford Barney School of Business*Guest Panelist & Speaker on Entrepreneurialism***Hartford, CT**

2022, 2024

- Provided guided expertise and tips on successful entrepreneurship, sharing key insights and grassroots initiatives.

Hartford Public Library Food Service Program*Community Restaurant Partner***Hartford, CT**

Mar. 2018 — Mar. 2020

- Provided 30+ hours of internship opportunities to individuals seeking professional food certification.