

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.

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First Name

Gardin

Last Name

Middle
Initial

ife@kulturallylit.org

Email Address

10 Hard St.

Home Address

#307

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06515

Postal Code

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

None Selected

Mobile: (917) 588-4677

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

Kulturally LIT Inc.

Employer

Executive Director

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?

Cultural Affairs Commission: 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.

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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

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 am currently on the Cultural Affairs Commissioners and it has been an honor to serve and I would like to continue to contribute to the wonderfully diverse culture of the City of New Haven

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

I have been very involved in the Arts & Culture community in New Haven and feel very committed to serving as a commissioner

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?

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

☒ African American

Gender

☒ Female

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

City website

IfeMichelle Gardin is Executive Director of KulturalLIT, a LITerary Arts organization founded in 2019 to enhance awareness of the Arts of the African Diaspora, focused on the LITerary Arts. KulturalLIT produces an annual LITFest, which in 2024 commemorated the literary legacy of iconic American Author James Baldwin and DiasporaCON, a conference focused on opportunities in the Comic Book and Graphic Novel industry.

IfeMichelle serves on the New Haven Cultural Affairs Commission, Board of Directors for Collective Consciousness Theater and The Greater New Haven African American Historical Society.

IfeMichelle is a Group Facilitator for the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven's Neighborhood Leadership Program and Launch Consultants CT

<https://www.kulturallylit.org>