



Application for Boards and Commissions

City of New Haven, CT

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Are you a registered voter?	Yes
What political party do you belong to? [This information is only requested as it is required by the city charter (Article X Sec. 2-551) to ensure minority party representation on boards and commissions]	Democratic
Which board and/or commission are you hoping to serve on?	Environmental Advisory Council
What is your current occupation?	Volunteer
Please explain why you are interested in serving on this board/commission?	I am a lifelong environmental advocate. I believe we all need to work to protect our city and our planet, and I am happy to lead the way. In my role as chairwoman of the Environmental Advisory Council I have helped work on issues including pesticides, fracking waste, light pollution, energy conservation, water misuse, leaf blowers, recycling, English Station remediation, vehicle idling, noise, and many more. I feel it is my duty to leave the world in better shape than I found it, and serving on the EAC helps me fulfill that mission.
Why do you believe you are a good fit for this board/commission?	I was among a group of environmentalists who met for a year to discuss issues and request that the Environmental Advisory Council be started. I have chaired the Environmental Advisory Council since its inception in late 2016. I have devoted much time and energy into making sure the EAC helps improve New Haven and coordinates with government and all responsible entities to keep us safe and healthy. I spend a lot of time learning facts about every issue the EAC takes up. I try to be a good representative of the EAC and New Haven and make sure the EAC is open to all perspectives and acts in the best interest of our fellow citizens. In December 2019 I was given a key to the city by Mayor Harp for my work on the EAC. I try to live up to that honor every day.
Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?	No. I make sure not to schedule any commitments that conflict with EAC meetings since I run the meetings.