



Application for Boards and Commissions

City of New Haven, CT

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Full Name	First Name: Elena Last Name: Grewal
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Are you a current New Haven resident?	Yes
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Are you a registered voter in New Haven?	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
What is your current occupation?	Entrepreneur
Please upload a resume or personal statement of interest	Elena_Grewal_Resume_2023.pdf
New Haven Boards & Commissions Listed	Fair Rent Commission
Please explain why you are interested in serving on this board/commission?	There is an affordable housing crisis in New Haven and I would like to do my part to help. As a landlord of a 3-unit building, I have experienced first hand how many people are looking for housing to no avail. When I listed one unit in December, it was heartbreaking to hear from so many individuals including parents of small children who were struggling to find housing. I can only do so much with my one unit for rent, and this commission is an opportunity to do more. I also like that this commission will take a nuanced approach, hearing all sides, rather than a blanket policy, which can have unintended consequences.
Why do you believe you are a good fit for this board/commission?	I am a small landlord and can provide that critical perspective in terms of what landlords might be dealing with in terms of bills and challenges, to help suss out what is valid and what is not. In addition I will bring a critical skill set to the commission - data analysis. As a

	<p>world renowned data science leader, I can help the commission source data to make the best, most fair decisions for individual cases and to uncover insights on the housing market holistically. With a background in technology,I can advise the commission in improving processes for handling complaints. Finally, I have served as the Chair of the East Rock Community Management team and have experience spreading information to my community, gathering community members, and ensuring that public forums allow all voices to be heard. This will be critical for the commission to be seen as effective and fair.</p>
Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?	<p>Not at this time.</p>