

Committee: **London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **LGBT**

Name: **Thomas Wall**

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Occupation: **Landlord and Pet Sitter**

Work experience: **I worked for a Sykes Assistance Services for 10 + years doing Recruiting for staff positions as well as account reconciliation for tow truck companies doing roadside assistance. Now I am a full time landlord as well as a Pet Sitter**

Education: **I have a Human Resource Management Certificate from Fanshawe College**

Skills: **I enjoy dealing with others, listening to different points of view, learning, and expressing how I think the city could be a better place for all. As a person that was sexually abused as a child and coming from a broken home. a survivors skill set.**

Interest reason: **Having lived in London for over 20 years, I have seen it transform from a city that was seen as not welcoming to strangers or people that were different. It is becoming a vibrant city of many cultures and peoples and I want to continue to work to help all.**

Contributions: **I am a great listener, and for that I am grateful. I have a calming influence on people that is generally helpful in lively debates. Having enjoyed travel within our fine country and others, I have an open mind that has collected many experiences.**

Past contributions: **I volunteered for many years at HALO (Homophile Association of London, Ontario, and served on their board of directors when I was younger).**

Interpersonal: **I have attended and participated in many gay and lesbian events as well as PRIDE events. My Husband Peter Waldron (we were married in City Hall a month ago today) is from Jamaica and I love him dearly. This combined with my travel and interest in cultural events and exchanges is very enlightening. As a teenager in school - I was beaten in school for being gay and sexually abused.**

Interview interest: **Yes**