

City of London - Application for Appointment to a City of London Board or Commission

Application

Please choose the Board or Commission you are interested in serving on: **LMCH**

Contact Information

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Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Board or Commission, please provide dates and details. (max. 3000 characters):

I have no experience on a London Board or Commission.

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

I have been an LMCH tenant for 5 years and this has given me an insight into how the board governs the community it serves. I hope to learn firsthand how the needs of the tenants, community, board and city are met and implemented.

How will you support the work of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

As an LMCH tenant and board member I will offer my voice and experience to making timely and co-operative decisions regarding my community and its needs in the short and long term. I will ensure the needs of the board are met within my ability to do so.

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Board or Commission Member. (max. 3000 characters):

Currently I am one of three senior tenants at 30 Base Line Rd. W who have organised an in-house food bank for the residents in our seniors only building called The Caring Cupboard. We have successfully worked with the Community Development Team at LMCH in this time. We provide donated food items to one in four residents who may be suffering hunger due to various circumstances. We have successfully operated out of our common room for over two years. My strengths are organising, inventory, communication, marketing, and training volunteers. I am committed to the health and well-being of my fellow senior tenants.

Please tell us about your interest in being a part of the London Middlesex Community Housing board. Why are you interested in this particular opportunity? What do you hope to contribute, and how would you support the work of the London Middlesex Community Housing board?(max. 3000 characters):

At present there is no tenant voice available to LMCH Board of Directors. I would like to be that voice. My passion and concern for the well being of our community is the background I bring to the board. I am able to work within LMCH boundaries and still be a help to the tenants.

Please tell us about your educational background, professional credentials, or any other training which is relevant to this position. (max. 3000 characters):

I am a high school graduate and have completed some college courses. In 2017 I completed a Liberal Arts course at King's College at UWO. I was the successful owner of

a Bridal Accessories business for two years doing Trade shows. I was also the owner/designer of a custom designed bridal accessories online business. I work well with other business owners as well as clients and the public.

Please describe any relevant work and/or lived experience you have. (max. 3000 characters):

I am equally at home running my own business in person and online, assisting at a tenant-run weekly bingo night, or organising our in-house food bank. I am driven and passionate in the all the aspects of what I am involved in. I will bring concern for my community and a desire to help my fellow tenants to the board at LMCH.

Tell us about your involvement in any public or private sector boards, community involvement, or other experiences that are relevant to this position. Please describe the roles you played and the period of time you were involved.(max. 3000 characters):

My most relevant experience is with our in-house food bank. I am a founding member who along with two other senior ladies saw a pressing need to feed the seniors in our building who were going without food for various reasons. We have been successful for over two years now. Our first food bank fed 17 people and we now feed over 60 each month. My roles are inventory, training volunteers, communications, marketing, and orchestrating the smooth running of our food bank store every month. This has been the most rewarding work I have ever been involved with. I have worked hard in conjunction with the LMCH Community Development Team to ensure we operate within the guidelines set out for us. Covid 19 protocols have been diligently followed as well to ensure the safety of all tenants and housing staff.

If necessary, please provide any additional relevant information that is not captured in your previous answers.(max. 3000 characters):

I am learning Spanish to help serve our Spanish speaking tenants.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed:

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am a resident of London. I am at least 18 years old. I am not a City employee or Council member. I understand that my application will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.**

For members of the public applying to serve as Tenant Directors on the London Middlesex Community Housing Board. I declare the following:

I am currently a tenant of London Middlesex Community Housing; I understand that should I no longer be a LMCH tenant due to transfer of property or moving out, I will need to resign this position.

To help inform our outreach activities, please tell us how you heard about this opportunity: (optional): **Other**

If you selected 'Other', please specify: **This information was provided in an email sent to LMCH tenants.**

Submitter E-mail:

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