

City of London - Application for Appointment to City of London Community Advisory Committees

Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Integrated Transportation Community Advisory Committee**

If applying for the Accessibility Community Advisory Committee, please select: **No, I am not an applicant with a disability.**

If applying for the Ecological Community Advisory Committee, a professional designation, education or experience in related fields is a requirement based on the technical nature of the committee work. Please indicate your area(s) of expertise: **Other**

If you selected 'Other', please specify: **Product Design**

Contact Information

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Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (max. 250 characters): **I have never been on an advisory committee before therefore this would be my introduction. I do have experience volunteering at the squeaky wheel bicycle co-op for a number of years, which is also involved with advocacy work regarding active transport through it's parent - London Cycle Link.**

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **I hope I can contribute to the team by bringing my perspective as a father of 2 children (ages 9 & 11). Our family regularly walk and cycle in London as well as drive when distances are too great. I believe the transportation plan can be further implemented to allow for more active forms of transport in London to reduce the number of trips made by car (by providing alternatives), thereby, improving the climate and individuals health, as well as reducing road congestion. Safety is also a concern that i hope can be addressed since I believe we should ensure collisions involving cars should be reduced or eliminated. I also hope to learn some urban planning principles to add to what i've been learning through youtube (e.g Strong Towns, Not Just Bikes etc.)**

How will you support the work of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **My background is in industrial and mechanical design. I can support the group by providing however is helpful, for example, I have a background in editing software that could aid and supplement visuals supplied to the council (maps, charts, photo's etc.) and present them in a clear fashion. I'm am able to research and survey as needed in preparation for the monthly meetings that i would attend as set by the City Clerk.**

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Community Advisory Committee Member. (max. 250 characters): **My current committee experience is as a volunteer at the squeaky wheel bike co-op. Before the pandemic, we met monthly to review policies and make planning decisions for the co-op. This experience has provided me with an interest in community building and transportation advocacy.**

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 the commitment may be up to 4 hours per month to attend meetings and prepare.; I understand that my application and any attachments will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.**

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

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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