

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: **London Public Library Board**

Contact Information

Name: **Ryan O'Hagan**

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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 am the current Chair of the Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee with the City of London. Previously, I have held board positions (secretary and chair) in both federal and provincial riding associations.

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

As a teacher, I recognize the inherent importance of libraries. While they support students as they learn to love reading, libraries are more than just book depots. I hope to continue pushing the LPL forward as our libraries continue to be beneficial places for folks without housing, underhoused folks, low income individuals who may rely on LPL resources like access to internet/learning resources, pregnant people and their partners as the LPL often hosts events for new parents or parents-to-be. The fact of the matter is that the LPL is more than just somewhere people can take out books. They support people in job searching, researching, resume building, family planning, and so much more. I also want to learn the inner workings of a public library. I've already started perusing through previous board minutes and I'm interested in learning about budgeting and policy creation through the LPL.

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

While being an active board member, I'm also available to support the board through whichever role I can provide. I've acted as a chair and secretary on a number of boards, and am happy to join sub committees and participate in public events.

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

I'm a teacher who focuses on ensuring literacy in my students. The use of books and public spaces like libraries are incredibly important to me not just personally but professionally. Outside of work, I work with vulnerable populations having done work with people experiencing homelessness, people who use drugs and are trying to get help, and underhoused individuals. My experience in working with marginalized people can help me to shape policies and act as a voice for the often underheard. The LPL is already a progressive board that serves these populations well and I want to continue that work.

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 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): **Social media**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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