

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: **Committee of Adjustment**

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 not previously served on a Board or Commission, but I ran to be Ward 4 councillor in the previous municipal election, and have political experience at the provincial and federal levels.

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

I hope to provide a voice that is both pragmatic and equitable - someone who will consider all facts and statements empirically, and apply judgement without prejudice. As a renter and a tenants' rights activist, I hope to provide a working class voice to London's Committee of Adjustment, to ensure that those whose voices are often overlooked are included and considered. I hope that my input will contribute to ending the housing crisis we unquestionably face in London.

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

I will consider all information provided within public hearings, and go above and beyond to seek additional information from affected communities. I would be honoured to apply my strong work ethic and personal diligence to assisting the City of London build greater things. And, of course, I will attend all pertinent meetings and spend additional time outside the Committee to better inform myself and my colleagues of information that may otherwise be missed.

The City of London has a commitment to Diversity and Inclusion where we foster an inclusive and supportive workplace respecting the diversity, dignity and perspectives of all. What does it mean to you to have a commitment to diversity and inclusion? Give us an example of how you have and would demonstrate that commitment further in this role. (max. 3000 characters):

Diversity and inclusion means considering the voices of all those affected by policy or provisional changes - regardless of immutable factors like ethnicity, religious beliefs, sexuality, gender identity, income levels or family status. Research clearly demonstrates that the most marginalized people, especially those who living in poverty, are much less likely to engage in public consultations. Therefore, it is imperative that I, as a Member of the Committee, put in additional legwork to reach out to folks that may otherwise be missed. Simply putting out public notice will ensure valuable voices are left out of the process - working with Councillors and other local officials to canvass or otherwise directly engage with Londoners will be a process I eagerly pursue.

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 have served as a elected delegate to Provincial Council for the NDP for nearly a decade - a structure similar to Boards and Municipal Council. I have years of experience directly

engaging with constituents and voters over many provincial, federal and municipal elections, and for a number of single-issue campaigns. I am a hard worker with experience in the industrial automation, telecommunications and construction sectors. My education background covers both engineering technology and supply chain management. Last year, I successfully organized low-income tenants in my own building complex to fight back against an illegal ban on air conditioner units. I managed my own municipal election campaign, also last year.

I'm a hard worker with hundreds of hours directly engaging with folks from all walks of life on political issues. I'm eager to use this experience to serve the people of London.

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): **Word of mouth**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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