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**Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #28500**

**Date Submitted: 4/6/2025**

**Last Name\***

Canter

**First Name\***

John ("Chris")

**District # You Live In.\***

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**Home Address\***

6350 Liberty Street

**City\***

Hollywood

**State\***

FL

**Zip Code\***

33024

**Home Phone**

9549957748

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9549957748

**Email Address\***

chris@chriscanter.net

**Owner or Renter \***

Renter

**Number of years as city resident\***

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**Are you registered to vote in Broward County?\***

Yes

**Education (highest degree / level)**

Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) Degree [Post Grad]

**Occupation\***

Teacher

**Work Phone**

**Business Name\***

NSU University School

**Business Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip Code**

**Identify the board / committee(s) to which you request appointment (Please rank in order of preference)**

**Selection (1)\***

Hollywood Housing Authority



**Selection (2)\***

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee



**Selection (3)\***

None



**Selection (4)\***

None



### **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions\***

1. The greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood, Florida, is the rising cost of living, which impacts both homeowners and renters by increasing property taxes, insurance premiums, and maintenance costs, often leading to higher rents and financial strain for renters.
2. I am most skilled in Affordable Housing Activism. As a renter and a family advocate through the PTA for the past five years, I have gained valuable experience and insights into the challenges faced by families in securing affordable housing.
3. I am most passionate about Rental Housing Affordability. As a renter with a family of four—my wife, our two children, and myself—I understand firsthand the importance of having access to affordable rental housing. Affordable rent allows families like mine to live in safe, stable environments without the constant worry of being priced out of our homes. This stability is essential for our children's education and overall well-being.
4. Growing up in a single-parent home of poverty deeply influenced my desire to volunteer. Experiencing firsthand the challenges and hardships that come with such an upbringing, I developed a strong sense of empathy and a commitment to giving back. As an adult, I am motivated to serve children who are growing up in similar circumstances, ensuring they have the support and opportunities they need to thrive.
5. Housing diversity is vital for Hollywood's economic health as it supports a stable customer base, attracts a diverse workforce, and helps the community better withstand economic fluctuations. This mix of housing options fosters a vibrant and inclusive local economy.

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? • Home Purchase Education, • Housing Market Employment, • Housing Market Stability, • Affordable Housing Construction, \* Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? • Ownership Housing Affordability, • Rental Housing Affordability, • Housing Market Stability, • New Housing Construction, \* Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

### **African American Advisory Council - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the African American Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to AAAC initiatives? 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? \* Education, \* Employment, \* Economics, \* Cultural Awareness, \* Housing. 4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? \* Education, \* Employment, \* Economics, \* Cultural Awareness, \* Housing. 5. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

### **Artwork Selection Committee - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. Why do you want to join the Artwork Selection Committee? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Monday each month at 5:30pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the Arts within the City of Hollywood?

### **Civil Service Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Describe your involvement with establishing, reviewing and interpreting policies and procedures? 2. Describe your involvement in employment practices including interviewing, testing, hiring, selection and promotion, demotions, transfers, etc. 3. Describe your knowledge of Civil Service and its purpose. 4. Why do you want to serve on this Civil Service Board? 5. Are you a continuous resident of and continuous registered elector in the City of Hollywood?

### **Community Development Advisory Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Do you reside in a low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhood in Hollywood per the most recent US Census data? A Hollywood LMI Map is located at [www.hollywoodfl.org](http://www.hollywoodfl.org) on the Community and Economic Development webpage. 2. What Community Development issues do you believe are the most important to Hollywood? 3. What is your definition of a healthy neighborhood? 4. What do you believe is the vision and primary work of the Community Development Advisory Board? 5. What do you believe uniquely qualifies you to serve on the Community Development Advisory Board?

### **Education Advisory Committee - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are the current challenges facing education? 2. What is your vision for education in Hollywood? 3. What do you see as the primary work of the Education Advisory Committee? 4. With only one meeting a month, the Committee is limited in what it can do. How does/should the Committee decide what's most important? 5. How can the Committee know if its mission and goals are being accomplished?

### **Employees' Retirement Plan - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Are you familiar with the State's Sunshine Laws (Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes)? 2. Are you available to attend in person regular monthly Board meeting (typically held the 4th Tuesday of each month)? 3. What knowledge, skills and/or abilities will you bring to the Employees' Retirement Plan? 4. What do you believe are the responsibilities of a trustee on a municipal retirement plan board? 5. Are you familiar with municipal defined benefit retirement plans and/or have previous experience serving on a municipal retirement plan board?

### **Firefighters' Pension Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 2. What experience do you have with firefighter pensions? 3. What is your financial background? 4. How many years have you lived in Hollywood? 5. How familiar are you with local retirement systems?

### **General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee - Questions\***

Please answer these four questions above. Why do you want to join the GO Bond Oversight Advisory Committee? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. 3. Which Bond interests you the most? Public Safety? Parks/Golf/Open Space or Neighborhoods & Resiliency? 4. What is your perspective on city quality of life, healthy neighborhoods, economic development & a strong tax base?

### **Historic Preservation Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Historic Preservation Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. \* Personal experiences, \* Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base, within the Historic Districts, while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. How would you balance historic architecture with modern architectural styles? 5. What do you like about the City's different Historic Districts?

### **Hollywood Centennial Celebration Committee\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your primary interest in serving on the Committee? 2. What is your financial/accounting background? 3. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 4. What other organizations and/or associations were you previously, and/or currently involved with? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee meetings? (dates to be determined by all members)

### **Hollywood Housing Authority - Questions\***

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### **Marine Advisory Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your involvement with the City of Hollywood's Waterways? 2. What will guide your decisions on this board? 3. Are you able to dedicate 2-3 hours a month to attend the meetings? Attendance is paramount to this Board being able to get things done. 4. Are you currently or have you been a boater, marine industry professional or involved in any other marine related industry? 5. What is your vision for the city of Hollywood's Waterway system?

### **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board - Questions\***

Please answer these six questions above. 1. How many events have you attended in the past year at any of the parks and athletics facilities in the City? 2. How many City-sponsored special events have you attended for the past year? 3. Are you available to attend regular Board meetings? Regular meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month for 8 months per calendar year. 4. What is your one area of highest interest related to the parks, recreation and cultural arts for the City? 5. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 6. How does parks, recreation and cultural arts contribute to quality of life?

### **Planning & Development Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Planning and Development Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. \* Personal experiences, \* Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. What recent developments within the City are most proud of? 5. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

### **Police Officer's Pension Board - Questions\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is a fiduciary? And what is your responsibility to the police pension plan as a fiduciary? 2. What is the Sunshine Law? 3. What is Asset Allocation & Diversification? 4. Explain the history of Chapter 99-1 and Chapter 185? 5. Define the role of the Actuary and the Auditor?

### Sister Cities Advisory Committee - Questions\*

1. Do you speak more than one language? If so, what languages do you speak? 2. Do you have experience in travel, cultural exchange, and/or fund-raising? Please describe. 3. Which Sister City focus areas are you most passionate about: a. Art and Culture; b. Business and Trade; c. Community Development; d. Youth and Education. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.

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### Sustainability Advisory Committee - Questions\*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Why do you want to join the committee? 2. Have you attended any committee meetings? If so, how many? 3. What knowledge, skills, and abilities would you bring to the committee if appointed? 4. What other organizations, clubs, or associations are you involved in? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee and subcommittee meetings? Regular meetings are held monthly with subcommittee meetings held as needed. 6. What types of projects would you like to see the committee work on?

### Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board - Questions\*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. How many ArtsPark events have you attended within the past year? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the ArtsPark at Young Circle?

Are you interested in serving on more than one board/committee?\*

Yes



If so, how many?\*

2



Applicant must attend at least one board/committee meeting prior to consideration of application for every board applied. Please list board/committee meetings you attended in the last year?\*

1

Are you currently on a County or City Board?\*

Yes



If yes, please describe

Education Advisory Committee

If you are applying for a board / committee, which has specific requirements / categories, please detail how your background and/or experience meets the required criteria.\*

My role as a Hollywood resident and as a renter.

Please describe your professional and/or volunteer experience or background, which best qualifies you for selection to the board / committee.\*

I am a 20-year-veteran educator, educational administrator, PTA advocate, and civic leader. My background in advocacy work and my service on several nonprofit boards and advisory boards has provided with the background, skillset, and community knowledge,

Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?\*

No



**If so, in what capacity?\***

N/A

**Attach Resume (only .doc and .pdf files)\***

ChrisCanterResume.pdf

# CHRIS CANTER

Advocate. Leader. Educator. Change maker.

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## WHERE I'VE WORKED & WHAT I'VE DONE

### Upper School English Teacher

NSU University School    📅 08/2024 - Present    📍 Davie, FL

- Teaching 9th Grade Honors English and Yearbook classes.

### Grant Compliance & School Support Administrator

The School District of Palm Beach County

📅 04/2019 - 06/2024    📍 West Palm Beach, FL

Federal and State Programs Department / Title I

- Support and consult 12 Title schools in Schoolwide Plan (SWP) implementation and monitoring, as well as budget creation and management of \$6.3 million in Title I fund, collectively, through hands-on collaboration and leading of professional development activities
- Provide consultation to 34 Title I principals to date on innovative instructional methods to increase student achievement with Title I funds
- Utilize district data sources in an ongoing manner to support schools in drafting Comprehensive Needs Assessments and instructional frameworks (including scheduling) to most efficiently meet student needs and increase student academic success

### Middle School Principal (Grades 6-8)

Florida Cyber Charter Academy

📅 07/2018 - 01/2019    📍 Florida (statewide)

A K-12, Inc., virtual public charter school

- Increased student achievement in reading by 22% through instructional observation, feedback, data meetings, instructional rounds, and facilitating professional learning communities and other development opportunities for faculty & staff
- Increased Math performance by 24% through instructional observation, feedback, data meetings, instructional rounds, and facilitating professional learning communities and other development opportunities for faculty & staff

### Special Assistant to Campus President

Miami Dade College, West Campus

📅 02/2017 - 12/2017    📍 Doral, Florida

- Led Advisement team in interim capacity with gains of 20% in enrollment and 23% in retention & graduation rates
- Secured branch campus status by leading SACSCOC Substantive Change accreditation process, coordinating contributions and participation of 11 campus departments

### English Teacher (Grades 9-12)

McArthur High School    📅 07/2016 - 02/2017    📍 Hollywood, FL

- Evidenced 95% of retake students passing state-mandate writing test or receiving passing concordant scores on equivalent tests

## COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

### City of Hollywood, FL

📅 07/2024 - Present

#### Member, Education Advisory Committee

Promote and support quality educational opportunities in the city to ensure those in Hollywood are among the best available in Florida. Engage with, and represent city stakeholders in promoting educational priorities to City Council.

### Democratic Public Education Caucus of Florida

📅 11/2022 - Present

#### Member, Legislative Committee

Track legislation and share with local units, meet with legislators to provide feedback and input into current legislation, develop and communicate annual legislative priorities.

### Broward County School Board

📅 08/2022 - Present

#### Committee Member, Facilities Task Force

Advise the school board on specific observations, potential problems, and successes relative to maintenance of facilities, new construction, and renovation and remodeling projects

#### Member, District Advisory Council

Act as a forum for Area Advisory Councils and others to propose recommendations and discuss issues germane to the District. DAC brings before the school board and the superintendent of schools information based upon this intercommunication.

### Broward County Council of PTAs and PTSAs

📅 05/2022 - Present

#### Area Coordinator

July 2024 - Present

Provide local PTA/PTSA officers and other leaders hands-on support and training.

#### Vice President for Leadership

June 2022 - June 2024

Coordinate local unit support work of Area Coordinators, develop and facilitate leadership development activities for all county units, provide compliance support.

#### Member, Legislative Committee

June 2022 - Present

Track legislation and share with local units, meet with legislators to provide feedback and input into current legislation, develop and share annual legislative priorities.

## WHERE I'VE WORKED & WHAT I'VE DONE

### Assistant Principal (Grades K-6)

Downtown Miami Charter School

📅 07/2015 - 06/2016 📍 Miami, Florida

A Charter Schools USA campus

- Maintained oversight of curricular program, and led daily differentiated cohorted intervention and enrichment block initiative that focused upon increasing or deepening student skills based upon current performance, resulting in 20% gains in student passing rates and 95% promotion rate to next grade level
- Developed and led professional development workshops on differentiated instruction, instructional best practices for gifted students, and productive co-teaching practices

### Educational Consultant

Emmaus Road Ministries

📅 06/2014 - 07/2015 📍 Florida (statewide)

- Attained 100% compliance status (up from 75%) for Florida Tax Credit and McKay Scholarship programs, while also increasing student achievement test gains by an average of 33% through client curricular design modifications, professional development, and operational restructuring of partner schools

### Assistant Principal (Grades PK-5)

Spalding Drive Elementary School

📅 07/2010 - 06/2014 📍 Atlanta, Georgia

A Fulton County Schools campus

- Led Extended Learning Program, resulting in 96% state test passing rate
- Increased team evaluation outcomes by 25% with peer coaching and differentiated professional development initiative, facilitating PLCs and implementing collaborative protocols to evaluate student work
- Developed and led professional development sessions on technology for the classroom, differentiated instruction, utilizing data for instruction, and in crucial conversations with parents and families to increase outcomes

### English Teacher (Grades 9-12)

Alan C. Pope High School

📅 07/2006 - 06/2010 📍 Marietta, Georgia

A Cobb County School District campus

- End-of-Course Test results in Ninth Grade Literature and Composition showed a 100% passing rate, with 92% exceeding standards during tenure
- Led two student publication staffs to three state championships, two first-place regional awards, and one national first-place award
- Served as cheerleading coach for varsity football, basketball, and competition squads

### English Teacher (Grades 9-12)

Berkmar High School

📅 07/2005 - 06/2006 📍 Lawrenceville, GA

A Gwinnett County Public Schools Campus

- Increased reading levels of students up to 3 grade levels in one year with class average at increase of 1.5 grade levels
- Led student publication staff to one state championship and one first-place regional award
- Served as cheerleading coach for junior varsity football, basketball, and competition squads

## COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

### Optimist International, Inc.

📅 08/2022 - 05/2024

Head Cheerleading Coach

### Nova Blanche Forman PTA

📅 07/2020 - 06/2022

President, July 2021 - June 2022

Secretary, July 2020 - June 2021

### Professional Association of Georgia Educators, Board of Directors

📅 06/2009 - 06/2014

Secretary

## HOW I HAVE PREPARED MYSELF

### Doctor of Philosophy

Northcentral University

GPA

**4.0** / 4.0

📅 Present 📍 San Diego, CA

- Major: Educational Leadership
- ABD status in July 2023
- Completion in Dec. 2026

### Specialist in Education

Georgia State University

GPA

**4.0** / 4.0

📅 07/2011 📍 Atlanta, GA

- Major: Educational Leadership

### Specialist in Education

University of Georgia

GPA

**3.97** / 4.0

📅 12/2009 📍 Athens, GA

- Major: Educational Psychology, Gifted & Creative Education

### Master of Arts in Teaching

Concordia University

GPA

**3.98** / 4.0

📅 06/2005 📍 Portland, OR

- Major: Education

### Bachelor of Arts

Georgia State University

GPA

**2.74** / 4.0

📅 06/2000 📍 Atlanta, GA

- Double Major: Public Relations and Mass Communication
- Minor: Spanish

## HOW I HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED / AWARDED



### Fellow, Journalism Advisors Program

American Society of News Editors, 2006.

## WHAT CREDENTIALS VERIFY MY ABILITIES

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### Florida Professional Educator's Certificate

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Certificate# 1255930.  
School Principal (all levels), Educational Leadership (all levels),  
English (6-12), Social Science (6-12), English for Speakers of Other  
Languages (Endorsement), Gifted (Endorsement)

### Georgia Professional Educator's Certificate

GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION.  
Certificate# 698031, Level 6. Educational Leadership (Tier II),  
Audio/Video Technology and Film, Behavioral Science (6-12),  
Economics (6-12), English (6-12), Gifted In-Field, Geography (6-  
12), Gifted In-Field, History (6-12), Political Science (6-12), Middle  
Grades (4-8) Language Arts, Middle Grades (4-8) Social Science

### Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certification

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

### Google Certified Educator, Level 2

GOOGLE FOR EDUCATION

## HOW I HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED / AWARDED

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### Classroom Teaching Ambassador Fellow

United States Department of  
Education, 2009.



### Fellow of Teacher's Holocaust Resistance Program

Jewish Labor Commission, 2008.



### Outstanding Young Educator Honoree

Association of Supervision and  
Curriculum Design, 2010.



### Adviser of the Year

Georgia Scholastic Press  
Association, 2009.



### STAR Teacher

Professional Association of Georgia  
Educators, 2010.