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Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #21689

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Last Name*

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First Name*

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District # You Live In.*

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State*

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Owner or Renter *

owner

Number of years as city resident*

28

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?*

Yes

Education (highest degree / level)

Masters degree

Occupation*

Retired Community Planner and Fundraiser

Work Phone

Business Name*

RETIRED

Business Address

City

State

Zip Code

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

Selection (1)*

Planning & Development Board



Selection (2)*

Education Advisory Committee



Selection (3)*

Community Development Advisory Board



Selection (4)*

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board



Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions*

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*

1. I do not live in a low and moderate income neighborhood.
2. I believe that the City needs to find as many ways as possible to provide affordable housing, assure that our residents are not hungry and that all children have access to a good education, whatever that takes. I also believe that job training opportunities should be available for unemployed and underemployed citizens.
3. A healthy neighborhood is crime-free, has ample access to purchase food, has schools within the neighborhood and promotes neighbors helping neighbors.
4. I believe the Community Development Advisory Board needs to help assure that the City accesses as many Federal and State grants as are available and that those funds are responsibly and honestly apportioned throughout the City, as appropriate, and that there is proper oversight of the funded projects.
5. I believe I am qualified because I have a background in community planning, have degrees in social work and human services, and am committed to education as a solution to poverty and the challenges caused by poverty (hunger, homelessness, etc.)

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 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*

Challenges:

1. I think there is a lack of community involvement in the schools.
2. Teachers are not feeling appreciated and parents are not respecting what is happening in school and how much their children can be helped.
3. There is a drain, which will probably now get worse, on public school funding and a brain drain of talented students from the public to the private schools.

Vision:

My vision is for today's schools to be a central meeting point in the neighborhoods in our community and to involve communities in the schools.

Primary Work:

That would depend mostly on how the committee has defined it or what their charge was when they were appointed. I would like to find ways to enhance community involvement and to work and advocate with the Broward County School System to assure that our schools in Hollywood are getting whatever they can in terms of funding, programs and staffing. Deciding on what is most important should be done with input from the county commission, parents, school leaders and representative high school students. In order to know if the mission and goals are being accomplished they need to be clearly defined and have benchmarks that can be measured.

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*

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? * Property Management, * Affordable Housing Administration, * Housing Market Stability, * Affordable Housing Construction, * Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Property Management, * 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?

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*

1. and 2. I have not attended any events. I am only back in Hollywood 1.5 years after many years away. I was a regular attendee when I lived here previously. I rented a pavillion at Charnow Park 2 months ago for a family event.
3. I am available for meetings.
4. Mostly I am interested in increasing the usage of the parks and having more events that appeal to a variety of age groups - maybe not all events for all groups.... and advertising them.
5. I am chair of the social committee at Grandview, a complex of 440 condominium apartments. I served on a Gwinnett County, Georgia, parks and recreation committee that studied the future uses of a new park and decided what to include in the new one. The process included visits to other parks around the county and a series of meetings, including meetings with citizens. I was the Director of Planning and Allocations of the Jewish Federation of South Broward when I lived in Hollywood in the 1980s.
6. Parks give people a place to meet in fresh air outdoors, to volunteer and to meet new people from the area. This is good for mental health and socialization.

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*

1. and 2. My career in community and organizational planning, and my academic training have prepared me for this kind of work. I also was involved in zoning issues on behalf of the non-profit where I worked and was the lead staff at the Jewish Federation of South Broward when we built two facilities for housing for the elderly,
3. Neighborhood stabilization is critical. Addition of commercial enterprises should take into consideration how the new elements will benefit the neighborhoods where they are going.
4. I moved back to Hollywood a year and a half ago after previously living here a total of 27 years. I am delighted to see the number of parks here now and the fact that the defunct Hollywood Mall was successfully repurposed with needed retail and healthcare facilities.
5. A comprehensive plan takes into account the current state of a community, gets input from various key informants and leaders of various groups in the community that help determine what is needed in order to improve the lives of those in the community while also bringing in income that is needed. A vision needs to be reached and then goals and objectives must be developed that have benchmarks that are measureable.

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?

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?*

No



If so, how many?*

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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?*

none-was unaware

Are you currently on a County or City Board?*

No



If yes, please describe

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.*

I am unaware of specific requirements.

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

BSW - Social Work; MS in Human Service Administration; Professional career in community planning, fundraising, grantwriting. Conducted studies to determine quality of formal and informal education services and more. Organized events of up to 800 people.

Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?*

No

If so, in what capacity?*

none

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

Lauren Scharf Azoulai -- Resume.pdf

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Experienced Jewish Communal professional with expertise in working with volunteers and staff, developing services and programs, strategic planning, budgeting and fundraising, Superior skills and proven leadership in effectively identifying and building relationships with prospective stakeholders/donors and aligning their interests with organizational needs. Experienced in:

Strategic Planning
Organization Governance & Budgeting
Volunteer Recruitment/Management
Financial Resource Development

Identifying & Cultivating Prospects
Stewarding Donors
Event and Meeting Planning
Grant Writing & Proposals

SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Oversaw and implemented a successful bi-national partnership between the Atlanta Jewish community and Yokneam and Megiddo in Israel
- Managed and directed networks of up to 600 volunteers participating in education programs, peer solicitations and fundraising and educational events.
- Planned and executed large missions to Israel, including a six-bus, three-generation trip for 240 people.
- Over a period of seven years, quadrupled the number of charitable gifts from individuals, foundations and corporations at the \$5,000+ level
- Implemented an annual giving program of \$1,000 - \$5,000, increasing seven-fold within six years the number of donors in a ten-state area.
- Lead staff for development of two HUD 202/Section 8 Projects in Florida Jewish community
- Planned and managed meetings, conferences and seminars for up to 800 people.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MADISON & BUNCOMBE COUNTIES, NC
Guest Teacher, K-12

2017 - 2020

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF Western NC
Elder Club Facilitator

2017

HADASSAH, WZOA
2000 – 2009 and 2014 - 2015

Director, Hadassah Southeast Development

(2000-2007; 2014-2015)

Managed medical and education-focused development projects and activities in ten Southeastern states for the largest women's non-profit organization in the United States.

- Recruited, trained and managed development staff and volunteer leaders.
- Provided consultative services to over 100 Southeast chapters for fundraising, event planning, and training
- Raised up to \$2 million annually, including annual gifts, multi-year gifts and planned gifts.

National Development Director, Hadassah College (2007-2009)

Planned and managed annual fundraising for the organization's college in Israel.

- Established and maintained active relationships with prospective and existing donors.
- Prepared written proposals and promotional materials
- Worked with the College President to define financial needs, develop case statements, and match projects and programs with prospective donors

WORLD ORT, INC. (North America)

2013-2014

Director of Foundation & Corporate Development

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Decatur, GA

2011-2013

Director of Development: Annual Fund, Grant writing, & Capital Campaign.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ATLANTA

1991 – 1999

Director of Overseas Planning and Missions (1994 -1999)

- Developed and managed overseas strategic planning and grantmaking
- Managed a bi-national partnership between the Jewish Federation and two communities in Israel, focusing on social service needs and education
- Oversaw local recruitment and preparation of volunteers for an emerging partnership with a community in the former Soviet Union
- Organized all missions and VIP visits, including recruitment, program planning, bid processes and contract negotiation.

Director of Education Planning (1992-1994)

- Directed all planning and grantmaking activities for education projects and programs
- Directed annual community grant-making process to schools and educational program providers, reviewing proposals, plans and budgets.
- Developed financial aid program for Israel program participants

Senior Planner (1991-1992)

- Simultaneously managed two strategic planning projects to assess community needs
- Upon completion of study processes, developed and implemented the strategic plans to respond to the needs, creating two new communal agencies.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTH BROWARD, HOLLYWOOD, FL

1986 – 1989

Director of Planning and Allocations

Primary focus on developing services to the aging population, including housing; Jewish Education services; oversight of community demographic study, and directing community planning and annual allocations..

ADDITIONAL WORK HISTORY

- **Greater Miami Jewish Federation:** Fundraising, Community Education & Leadership Development, including Director of Women's Division
- **American Friends of Tel Aviv University:** Major Gift and Annual Fundraising
- **Nonprofit Consulting:** Planning, Fundraising and Grant-Writing

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Human Services, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Bachelor of Social Work, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Hebrew: Native/Bilingual; **Spanish:** Professional Working Proficiency