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Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #29099

Date Submitted: 6/10/2025

Last Name*

Buzzi

First Name*

Rachelly

District # You Live In.*

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Home Address*

2900 N 24th Ave Apt 4-109

City*

Hollywood

State*

FL

Zip Code*

33020

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Owner or Renter *

renter

Number of years as city resident*

11

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?*

Yes

Education (highest degree / level)

Masters degree

Occupation*

Sustainability Intern

Work Phone

Business Name*

City of Sunrise

Business Address

777 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway

City

Sunrise

State

FL

Zip Code

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

Selection (1)*

Sustainability Advisory Committee

Selection (2)*

Sustainability Advisory Committee

Selection (3)*

Sustainability Advisory Committee

Selection (4)*

Sustainability Advisory Committee

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*

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*

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. 1. 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?

Hispanic Affairs Council*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the Hispanic Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to HACA 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?

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*

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.

Sustainability Advisory Committee - Questions*

1. I am deeply passionate about environmental sustainability and eager to contribute to the community I love. As someone who has lived in Hollywood for over 10 years and pursued academic and professional experiences in sustainability, I see this committee as a meaningful opportunity to participate in local environmental action, learn from others, and help shape the city's sustainable future. I want to expand my involvement beyond volunteering by contributing to impactful projects, building community networks, and helping Hollywood reach its environmental goals.

2. Yes, I attended the June 2025 meeting and have been reading previous minutes/agendas to familiarize myself with the committee's work.

3. I bring a strong interdisciplinary background in sustainability, political ecology, climate change, and pol/cultural affairs, supported by academic training and hands-on experience at the local, federal, and international levels. I've developed skills in stakeholder engagement, research, outreach, and program coordination through my work with the City of Sunrise, U.S. State Department, and nonprofits. I am bilingual (Spanish/English), adept at public communication, and deeply committed to equity-centered environmental solutions. My experience across government, education, nonprofit, and customer service sectors gives me a unique and practical perspective on the challenges and opportunities in advancing local sustainability.

4. Naturescapes Broward Habitat Steward; Terra.do Manatee Cohort (Climate Change Learning for Action Fellowship); Petsmart Charities (Volunteer)

5. Yes.

6. Creating micro-transit links to community gardens and nature spaces; Expanding public outreach and sustainability education campaigns across neighborhoods and schools; Normalizing city-wide composting and waste reduction initiatives in homes, businesses, schools, and parks; Advocating for green building practices and exploring how to limit single-use plastics; community gardens or food forests

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?

Are you interested in serving on more than one board/committee?* **If so, how many?***
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No v

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?*

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Are you currently on a County or City Board?*

No

If yes, please describe

No, but I do sit in on the City of Sunrise Sustainability Advisory Board meetings as part of my internship
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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.*

Sustainability Intern at City of Sunrise; M.A. grad focused on environment & society; experienced in climate policy, education, and outreach at local and federal levels.

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

Interned with City of Sunrise and U.S. State Department on sustainability initiatives. Certified Habitat Steward and climate fellow with strong community engagement experience.

Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?*

No

If so, in what capacity?*

N/A

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

RBuzziResume2025.pdf

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EDUCATION

Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs

Florida International University

Master of Arts in Latin America and Caribbean Studies (MALACS)

April 2025

- Focus Area: Environment and Society
 - *Courses:* Democracy and the Environment, Environmental Anthropology/Political Ecology, Urban Ecology, Latin American Studies, Caribbean Studies, Research in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- *Research:* Political Ecology of *Buen Vivir* Policies in Ecuador's Development; Climate Change Resilience in Puerto Rico; Community Based Management of Natural Resources in Mexico; Impunity and Environmental Defenders in Mexico

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Syracuse University

Bachelor of Arts with Distinction Cumulative GPA: 3.78/4.0

May 2022

- International Relations Major | Concentrations in Latin America & the Caribbean and Intercultural Communications
- Entrepreneurship and Emerging Enterprises Minor

Senior Thesis: *Indigenous Environmental Activism and Latin American Participation in the Escazú Agreement*

Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Summer Institute:

Carnegie Mellon University

- Data Analytics Track; R Studio Basics; Economics; Statistics; Leadership Academy

Summer 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

City of Sunrise Utilities Administration

Sunrise, Florida

Sustainability Intern

March 2025- Present

- Support city-wide sustainability initiatives through research, outreach, and event coordination, including wildlife gardening trainings, school gardens, the Earth Day Festival, and bioblitz planning.
- Draft policy memos and proposals for the City Manager's Office to advance certification under the Florida Green Building Coalition standards.
- Lead planning and communications for the annual "Pass Up Plastics" campaign, including vendor outreach, event design, and public engagement.
- Create educational materials such as flyers, ArcGIS StoryMaps, and guides to promote sustainable practices and community resource conservation; contribute regularly to the Good and Green newsletter.
- Assist the city liaison at Sustainability Advisory Board meetings and community events.

U.S Embassy Mexico City

Mexico City, Mexico

Economic Officer Fellow

July 2024- August 2024

- Conducted research and provided analysis on policy regarding climate-related issues, such as carbon markets, EVs and Lithium, sustainable and resilient supply chains, avocado industry, deforestation, and labor rights in Mexico.
- Drafted reports, cables, and policy backgrounders for U.S. Ambassador, government officials, and high-level meetings in both English and Spanish.
- Engaged with stakeholders to organize and facilitate events focused on climate action and international collaboration. Created and organized guest lists on Salesforce. Communicated with external contacts regarding NGO environmental summit, Ambassador events, and high-level meetings.

School Professionals Agency

Hollywood, FL

Substitute Teacher

August 2024- Present

- Delivered engaging lessons across multiple subjects for grades K–12, maintaining classroom order and adapting to diverse student needs.
- Followed teacher lesson plans while promoting a positive, respectful learning environment in both middle and high school settings, and ensured preparedness in cases where no structure was in place.

- Communicated effectively with school staff and students, ensuring continuity of instruction and supporting academic and behavioral expectations.

Avant Garde Academy

Hollywood, FL

English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Paraprofessional

August 2023- Feb 2024

- Assisted students with English language development, providing educational support to Spanish, Ukrainian, and Russian speakers in a culturally diverse school setting. Assisted as a substitute teacher, family mediator and translator, and test proctor when needed.
- Administered and scored the oral, reading, and written IPT language tests to incoming and current ESOL students to determine their district language classification and ESOL status.
- Assisted in data collection related to student performance in academic and behavioral domains for the ESOL Department and hold Data/Goal setting meetings with a caseload of individual students as part of guidance counseling.
- Maintained and updated language proficiency data, organized and managed internal physical and digital records, scheduled and facilitated meetings, and offered general clerical assistance.

U.S Department of State- Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs **Washington, D.C**

Office of Global Change Fellow

June 2023 – August 2023

- Researched and summarized a variety of climate adaptation and resilience matters, emerging technologies, the energy transition, prevalent international policy and climate related strategies for U.S. embassies across the Western Hemisphere and Africa. Implemented key findings into streamlined annual report and database.
- Assisted in organizing climate-related workshops and reporting on best practices for climate resilience and adaptation. Organized and co-facilitated a two-day Community of Practice workshop on Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning on climate adaptation benefits and co-benefits.
- Developed reports on interagency initiative case studies to inform strategic decision-making regarding implementation, monitoring, and evaluation for the President’s Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience (PREPARE) programs.

U.S Department of State- Foreign Service Institute

Washington, D.C

Public Affairs Intern

September 2021 – December 2021

- Drafted speaking remarks and thank you letters delivered at U.S Heroes of Diplomacy event on behalf of the FSI Director and U.S Secretary of State.
- Created content calendars, promotional posts, and videos for social media accounts and social media campaigns. Identified organizations as external partners and stakeholders.
- Organized daily external media and press roundups and monthly State Dept. Magazine roundups to distribute to the office.

Inkululeko

Remote, Makhanda, South Africa

Paid Student Intern

June 2021 – September 2021

- Wrote memos and fundraising grant applications that emphasized the organization’s mission and funding needs.
- Analyzed current events to stay on top of news and relevant information on South Africa policies on COVID and education. Created virtual tutoring materials for high school students learning business studies and entrepreneurship.
- Wrote emails and created graphics to market products for Made in Makhanda- a funding initiative that sells artisanal, local South African art.

La Casita Cultural Center

Syracuse, NY

Alumni Relations Project Manager/Youth Program Coordinator

January 2019-May 2021

- Coordinated with director of the cultural center and staff to write and edit outreach letters and other forms of correspondence to increase alumni engagement.
- Administered multicultural youth programs to improve children’s reading skills in English and Spanish, and STEM.

- Collaborated with the Communications Board to develop promotional materials, liaise with outside organizations, and conduct archival research/organization.

Office of Multicultural Affairs

Syracuse, NY

Kessler Scholars Peer Mentor

August 2020 – May 2021

- Provided guidance to six Kessler scholars (freshman, first generation college students) regarding academics and extracurriculars; provided overall support through weekly one-on-one meetings and track progress with weekly reports.
- Provided administrative support to the office and acted as a liaison between students and staff.
- Attended weekly development meetings with the OMA team to prepare presentations and activities for the students.

Academic Advising Office

Syracuse, NY

Administrative Assistant

March 2019 – March 2020

- Provided administrative and client-facing support in a fast-paced academic advising office. Scheduled student appointments, maintained confidential records, and assisted in academic coordination.
- Supported staff with data entry, office organization, and records management in compliance with FERPA regulations.
- Strengthened interpersonal and communication skills while working with a diverse student body and staff.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Habitat Steward | Naturescapes Broward

Broward County, FL | October 2024

- Earned certification as a Habitat Steward through training on Florida-friendly landscaping, native/invasive species, sustainability initiatives, and local ecology.
- Supported community outreach and habitat restoration at Broward County parks, promoting environmental stewardship through presentations and hands-on conservation.

Manatee Cohort Fellow | Climate Change Learning for Action

Remote (Terra.do) | September – December 2024

- Completed intensive training on climate science, adaptation and resilience strategies, and environmental policy.
- Researched and presented a local action work plan addressing community-specific sustainability and resilience goals; collaborated on four applied climate action projects.

Committee Chair, Head Delegate, Rapporteur | National Model United Nations

Syracuse, NY | Fall 2019 – Spring 2022

- Chaired General Assembly 1st Committee at DC conference and represented Japan, China, Kenya, and Brazil at national simulations.
- Drafted position papers and speeches on climate change, SDGs, human rights, indigenous rights, environment, immigration, and gender equity for UN committees including HLPF, UNESCO, ECOSOC, and UN Women.
- Negotiated and co-authored working papers and draft resolutions in a high-level diplomatic simulation environment..

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Strong research, writing, public speaking, event coordination, and community engagement skills.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite/Teams, Google Suite, Canva, Salesforce, Adobe Spark, Slack, Asana, and social media management.
- Bilingual: Native and professional fluency in Spanish and English.
- Grant writing experience; participatory budgeting notetaking (Conflict Management Center, 2021).
- Technical Skills: GIS mapping (Certified, 2018), Microsoft Excel (Certified, 2019), R Studio basics.
- Fundamentals of Climate-Smart Entrepreneurship (YLA Network, 2023)
- Social/Behavioral Human Research Training (2023)