

Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #32358

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Last Name*

First Name*

District # You Live In.*

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State*

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Owner or Renter *

Number of years as city resident*

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?*

Education (highest degree / level)

Owner

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No

High School - In Progress

Occupation*

Work Phone

Student

Business Name*

N/A

Business Address

City

State

Zip Code

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

Selection (1)*

Education Advisory Committee



Selection (2)*

None



Selection (3)*

None



Selection (4)*

None



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

1. As a student, I have seen many challenges facing education today. Ongoing concerns include school safety, inequities in educational access, and gaps in academic achievement. Recent policy debates around private school vouchers and book restrictions have also created challenges for public education and access to diverse learning materials. I believe literacy is foundational to student success, and it is important to ensure that all students have the support they need to develop strong reading and writing skills. Expanding access to free or low-cost tutoring and academic support programs can help students succeed both inside and outside the classroom.
2. My vision is for Hollywood to be known as a city with strong, high-quality public schools that families are proud to attend. I would like students and families to feel confident choosing their neighborhood schools and to build long-lasting connections within their community. When students grow up learning alongside their neighbors, schools become a unifying force that strengthens the entire city.
3. The Committee's primary role is to listen to and collaborate with Hollywood schools to understand their needs and identify ways the city can support them. It is equally important to engage families to learn what they value in local schools, why certain schools are thriving, and why others may be under-enrolled. This information can guide thoughtful, data-informed recommendations.
4. Given limited meeting time, the Committee should establish clear priorities, set achievable goals, and assign responsibilities. Members should be committed to contributing work between meetings so progress continues beyond the monthly schedule. I look forward to serving on subcommittees, including the Teacher Grant Subcommittee and others.
5. The Committee should regularly review its mission and goals, evaluate progress, and adjust strategies as needed to ensure its work is effective and aligned with the needs of Hollywood's families.

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?

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*

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?*

No

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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?*

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Are you currently on a County or City Board?*

If yes, please describe

No

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.*

Through my mom's and brother's long service on the Education Committee, I've learned what effective committee work requires. I attended Beachside, I observed the School Board Candidate Forum, and am an active leader in my school and community.

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

I have completed extensive volunteer work in education, including leading a school supply collection drive for Sheridan Hills Elementary, serving as a teacher's aide with Achieve Miami, and working as an assistant coach at Camp Nova.

Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?*

If so, in what capacity?*

No

NA

Attach Resume (only .doc and .pdf files)

Matthew Liebowitz Resume 0126 COH.pdf

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EDUCATION

NSU University School | Davie, FL

Class of 2028

Cumulative GPA: 4.54 (weighted) /3.98 (unweighted)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Head of School Honor Roll, NSU University School, 2024-2025
- Gold Award, National President's Volunteer Service Award, 2025
- "Best Teacher," Achieve Miami, 2025
- Winner of Naval Horizons Essay Contest and \$200 scholarship, 2025

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Founder and Coordinator, Sun-Day Fun Day, 2025-Present

- Organized and led an event bringing together 120+ participants for a global day of action, celebrating solar, wind, and renewable energy
- Planned and oversaw interactive activities, including arts and crafts, games, giveaways, and educational activity booths
- Coordinated volunteers, materials, and event logistics to ensure a smooth and engaging experience for attendees

Co-Founder and Coordinator, Freedom to Read Fest, 2024-Present

- Oversee an annual event at the library that celebrates the freedom to read: select books for distribution, conceive activities, create a budget, manage volunteers, market the event, and oversee event execution.

Co-Founder and Coordinator, Compost Connect, 2024-Present

- Helped start a composting initiative in Hollywood, FL, in partnership with Renuable, a composting company. Coordinate with subscription-paying individuals and organizations—including a school, synagogue, catering company, and condo association—to compost waste.
- Arrange fun composting activities to garner participation and educate others on the benefits of recycling waste.
- Speak at community events about sustainability, composting, and environmental action.

Temple Solel Tikkun Olam Committee, 2024-Present

- Organized multiple climate action campaigns through Underwrite Earth, including leading a postcard-writing initiative to CHUBB Insurance Company representatives that activated 40 people to take action against fossil fuel expansion and limiting of fossil fuel projects; engaged in grassroots efforts to boost electoral turnout by sending handwritten postcards; collected dozens of signatures for a climate action pledge to raise environmental awareness; created interactive, educational game questions about clean energy and fossil fuel consumption for children.
- Organized a school supply collection of 6 boxes (250+ supplies) for Sheridan Hills Elementary School, a Title 1 school

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Teacher's Aide/Big Buddy, Achieve Miami, June-July 2025

- Assisted teachers with classroom activities, including STEM, art, and cooking; organized sports activities
- Voted "Best Teacher" Award by students, July 2025

Assistant Coach, Camp Nova Baseball Camp, June 2025

- Coached youth athletes in baseball fundamentals, emphasizing skill development, discipline, and teamwork
- Led small-group drills and provided one-on-one instruction tailored to individual skill levels

Board Member, JZips 2023-Present

- Lead community donation drives, collecting clothing and financial contributions for pediatric hospital patients

SPORTS INVOLVEMENT

Player, NSU University School Varsity Baseball Team, 2025-Present

- Balance rigorous academic workload with year-round athletic training and competition
- Contribute to team practices, games, and overall program success

Travel Team Player

- Top 30 Pitchers (45+ teams), 2025 PG 14U BCS National Championship
- MVP Pitcher, 2024 PG 14U Florida Fall Elite Championship

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CLUBS

10th Grade Representative (10), Jewish Student Alliance, NSU University School, 2024-Present

- Educate the student body about Jewish culture; lead respectful conversations about Israel and the Middle East; registered 64 students to join the #StandUpToHatred campaign (10)

10th Grade Representative, Green Sharks, 2024-Present

- Help organize and participate in environmental awareness events such as Sun Day, Earth Day, and beach cleanups.
- Take part in discussions and initiatives addressing environmental sustainability.

WORK EXPERIENCE

General Helper (Paid), Summer 2024 – Present

- Provide a variety of services, including washing cars, collecting mail, watering plants, and cleaning pools.

Administrative Assistant, Temple Solel of Hollywood, Summer 2024

- Performed administrative tasks, including stuffing envelopes, mailing letters, etc.

Online Reseller

- Buy and resell items online for profits, including baseball sliding mitts and cologne.

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