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## Profile

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## Public Records Statement

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☒ I Agree

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**What district do you live in? \***

☒ Chapel Hill Town limits (Purple)

[Please consult the town maps HERE if you are unsure.](#)

**If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?**

☒ 4-9 years

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Housing Advisory Board: Eligible

Question applies to Housing Advisory Board

**Select a Seat Category for the Housing Advisory Board \***

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☒ Non-Market Rate Housing Resident

**Which Board is your First Choice? \***

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☒ Housing Advisory Board

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**How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)**

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☒ Internet

**If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:**

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**Interests & Experiences**

**What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?**

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I moved to Carrboro from Durham with my husband & 2 children in 2015 . A better education was the only thing on our mind . The opportunity to provide opportunities to our children , a safe environment to foster growth , and being right down the street from home were all key factors that have led to me now calling Chapel Hill my home. After about 2 years in Carrboro our family grew from 4 to 5. In 2017 we left our 2 bedroom \$900 townhome and moved to a 3 bedroom apartment in Chapel Hill that rented for about \$1250for 12 months . In 2022 the cheapest lease renewal option we were offered was \$1750 for 14months . My income however, has not increased 40% over the past 5 years like my rent. I worked relentlessly to build my credit, pay off debt, & increase my income I hopes of one day purchasing a home in the town that my family has grown to love. Even with all of that hard work, finding a property that met the needs and reflected the values of our family was simply out of reach financially . My budget returned 1 bedroom condos, 2 bedroom brick homes, or just a plot of land. Just as I began to wake up from a dream , an affordable housing program had an opportunity of a lifetime. I know first hand how affordable housing can make a difference & just how difficult it can be to obtain that difference.

**Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.**

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Participant in BCBS Association Fellowship program . Affordable housing Cohort

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## Demographics

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### Ethnicity \*

☒ African American

### Gender \*

☒ Female

If other, please describe:

### Please select your age from the following list. \*

☒ 25-34

Occupation

### Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

☐ Yes ☒ No

### Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

### Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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## Ethics Statement

## ETHICS GUIDELINES FOR TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Any member who violates these Ethics Guidelines may be subject to removal from the board or commission. If the advisory board or commission member believes he/she has a conflict of interest then that member shall recuse himself/herself from voting on the matter. In cases where the individual member or the advisory board or commission establishes a conflict of interest, then the advisory board or commission member shall remove themselves from the voting area. Any advisory board or commission member may seek the counsel of the Town Attorney on questions regarding the interpretation of these ethics guidelines or other conflict of interest matters. The interpretation may include a recommendation on whether or not the advisory board or commission member should excuse himself/herself from voting. The advisory board or commission member may request the Town Attorney respond in writing.

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None Selected

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I have several years of experience in the housing industry and therefore have a panoramic view of the different facets of housing and how it works. As a HUD Housing Counselor, I provide education as well as rental and pre-purchase counseling to families disabled as well as seniors and to families from all income brackets throughout NC. I understand the unique situations a family may encounter, and I have seen firsthand the stress that families face when struggling to pay their rent or when evictions or foreclosures are pending. My training has helped me help them locate valuable resources to shelter in place while their financial situation stabilizes. As a Real Estate Broker, I have seen the increase in housing cost and watch hard working families have to defer their dream of homeownership despite the unjustified increase in their rents. I have been able to connect them to programs that offer down payment assistance to help bridge that gap. My accounting and financing background has help me understand money from the viewpoint of a consumer as well as from the prospective of an organization. Therefore, I feel that all my experience will bring a valuable prospective to the Board.

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HUD Certified Housing Counselor, Real Estate Broker, MBA Accounting/Finance , Property Management

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