

Profile

If interested in one of these boards please fill out this application and submit.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: Submitted

Debbie

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Prefix

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

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City

FL

State

32937

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Alternate Phone

How long have you been a resident of Brevard County?

10 1/2 yrs

To which Commissioner are you applying?

☒ N/A

Do you consent to a standard criminal background check?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Question applies to Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
In which Commission District do you live? *

☒ District 4

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I prefer to receive correspondence by: *

☒ Email

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Occupation (Firm & Duties)

Real Estate Agent for the last 8 years and currently with Avanti Way Realty Provide real estate services for home buyers, investors, and sellers.

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List Education Degrees and/or Licenses:

Bachelors of Science Degree in Geology - May 2000 Real Estate License - January 2017 to present

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Meetings are held on Thursdays from 4 - 6 pm about every 6 weeks at the Brevard County Government Center at Viera. Can you attend?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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By Florida Statutes, the Affordable Housing Council must be made up of persons representing different interests and professions. Please mark all of the position(s) that you believe you could represent on the council and are interested in serving. *

☒ One Brevard County resident who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing.

Are you currently serving on any State, Regional or Brevard County board, council, or committees? If so please name.

I currently serve on the fundraising committee for Saint Stephen's Way, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing and family services to families with school-aged children in Brevard County who are experiencing homelessness.

Do you have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business or any agency which is subject to the regulation of or is doing business with Brevard County? If so, please explain.

I currently do not have a contractual relationship with, nor am I employed by, any business or agency that has a contractual relationship with Brevard County. However, I recently applied for an Executive Director position with a nonprofit organization that collaborates with the Brevard Housing Authority to provide subsidized rents for homeless families approved for housing within their program. I expect to know the outcome within the next few weeks.

Please explain your interests and experiences.

I have a deep interest in addressing housing challenges and creating opportunities for affordable housing in our community. My eight years of experience as a licensed real estate professional have provided me with a strong understanding of the local housing market, property values, and the challenges that residents face in finding affordable, stable housing. I have actively contributed to a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing to families of children identified as homeless in Brevard County schools. My involvement on a fundraising committee for this nonprofit has given me firsthand insight into the critical role that affordable housing plays in fostering stability and improving lives. I am also passionate about sustainable development and land use. My Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Georgia State University and my prior career in the environmental industry have instilled in me an appreciation for balancing development with environmental stewardship. Through these experiences, I have developed the skills and perspectives needed to contribute meaningfully to the Affordable Housing Council's efforts to facilitate affordable housing while protecting property value appreciation.

Please explain your background, including education, work experience, civic or community organization memberships and positions, and any professional licenses or memberships, and how this applies to the function of the Board, Council or Committee that you are interested in serving on.

I have eight years of experience as a licensed real estate professional. My work has primarily focused on assisting buyers, sellers, and investors, including navigating challenges related to affordability, zoning, and market trends. As a real estate agent, I regularly analyze policies, land development regulations, and local market conditions to help clients make informed decisions, ensuring their investments align with both their financial goals and community standards. These duties directly relate to the Affordable Housing Council's mission of reviewing policies and initiatives that encourage affordable housing while supporting property value appreciation. In addition to my professional experience, I have served on a fundraising committee for a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide affordable housing for families of children identified as homeless within Brevard County schools. This role reinforced my commitment to addressing housing affordability and deepened my understanding of its critical impact on families and communities. My educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Georgia State University. My prior career in the environmental industry provides me with a unique perspective on sustainable land use and development, which can complement the Council's goals. With this combination of professional expertise, community involvement, and a commitment to promoting housing solutions, I am well-positioned to contribute meaningfully to the Affordable Housing Council's work.

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners strives to promote diversity and provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you are requesting an accommodation, please indicate below.

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Agreement

Advisory committees are subject to the Florida open meetings (Sunshine) and public records laws; your response with a completed application with your contact information is a public record; if chosen as a member of the committee, any communications to you from the County or from you to the County in regard to the committee will be a public record.

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I understand the responsibilities and commitment of time associated with an appointment to a Brevard County board, council or committee.

☒ I Agree