Entry #: 578 - Environmental Advisory Board Status: Reviewed Submitted: 8/20/2023 1:03 PM

Applications are held by the <u>Town Clerk</u> until such time that a vacancy occurs. Please note, your completed form is subject to public inspection upon request.

Learn more about each of the committees listed below.

Original Submittal

I'm interested in serving on...

Environmental Advisory Board

Are you affiliated with the development community (developer's engineer, developer, etc.)?

No

How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?

Town Website

Candidate Contact Information

Legal Name Preferred First Name

Tanha Patel

Address

804 Trendy Ln, Apex, North Carolina 27502

Do you live within the Apex town limits?

Yes

Do you live within the town's extra-territorial

jurisdiction (ETJ)?

No

Email Mobile Phone Alternate Phone (work/home)

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Background Information

Current Employer Current Job Title

CDC Foundation Senior Technical Advisor - Evaluation

Tell us why you would like to serve?

I am passionate about giving back to my community and am looking for a way to support the Town of Apex be as strategic in planning and sustaining the community as possible. Climate change is such a major public health threat that we are facing and I want to be able to contribute in my small way to support our environment. Paying attention to our environment and building our communities in a way that will be sustainable over time is vital to addressing climate change. I am interested in learning more about what the Town of Apex is doing and can do to further support those efforts.

Please list any education, special skills, or experience you have that would be useful while considering this form.

I have a Masters in Public Health and have been working with state, national, and foundation funded public health programs for over 12 years, building their capacity to be data-driven. I often have to work with various stakeholders and agencies to understand the public health issue and work towards coordinating with each other more seamlessly to meet the common goals. I believe this background and experience will be important for the Environmental Advisory Board. Based on the previous meetings, it seems like it is getting important for the EAB to stay engaged with other Advisory Boards and serve more in a cross-functioning capacity. This is something that I have been doing professionally as an Evaluator, bringing various organizational units together to achieve the large organizational mission/vision. I can see how EAB will need to work in a similar fashion in the future and would love to be able to support the board in this transition.

If you now serve, or have previously served on any town boards, commissions or committees, please list the committees and dates served.

Have not served before.