



"The Peak of Good Living"

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF APEX NORTH CAROLINA

PLANNING BOARD

APPLICANTS AT A GLANCE

Requested Action(s):

A. Recommendations needed on the Planning Board (PB) for five (5) Regular Positions, serving two (2) year-terms expiring December 3, 2027. The following candidates are eligible for reappointment:

- Byrd, Alyssa – confirmed interest in being reappointed
• Khodaparast, Daniel – confirmed interest in being reappointed
• Rhodes, Steven – confirmed interest in being reappointed
• Royal, Tim – confirmed interest in being reappointed
• Yule, Kristy – confirmed interest in being reappointed

B. Recommendations needed on the Board of Adjustment (BOA) for an Exterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) position, serving a two (2) year-term expiring December 31, 2027. The current member, Mr. Tim Royal, has reached the maximum allowable terms and continues to serve until his replacement is named.

APPLICANTS AT A GLANCE – CURRENT

Table with 5 columns: Position #, Applicant(s), Status, Resident Status, Notes. Rows include PB-008 (Byrd, Alyssa) and PB-009 (Khodaparast, Daniel).



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PB-001	Vacant	Active Current Member	Corporate Limits	Preston Mitchell does not wish to be reappointed and his term ended December 2025
PB-006	Rhodes, Steven	Active Current Member	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Reappointment
PB-003	Royal, Tim	Inactive Member	Corporate Limits	Not Eligible for Reappointment
PB-002	Yule, Kristy	Active Current Member	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Reappointment

***APPLICANTS AT A GLANCE – NEW APPLICANTS***

<b>Applicant(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Resident Status</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Barnes, Aaron	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment / currently appointed on CAAB / interested in serving on PB
Gerhard, William	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment
Hatcher, Kaitlyn	NEW	Neither Corporate Limits or ETJ	Not Eligible for Appointment
Johnson, Avery	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment
Negolisa, Kyrone	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment
Ripper, Melissa	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment



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Spanioli, Mark	NEW	<u>ETJ</u>	Eligible for Appointment
Zhang, Tianduo	NEW	Corporate Limits	Eligible for Appointment

# APPLICATIONS

## **ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT**

- Byrd, Alyssa – *Corporate Limits – has not submitted updated application*
- Khodaparast, Daniel – *Corporate Limits*
- Rhodes, Steven – *Corporate Limits*
- Yule, Kristy - *Corporate Limits – last application was submitted August 2025.*

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## Profile and General Information

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**Legal Name**

Daniel P Khodaparast

**Pronouns**

He/Him/His

**Preferred First Name**

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

Kathryn Khodaparast

**Physical Address**

121 Ada Street, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Mailing Address**

SAME, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

**Are you current on your Town of Apex and Wake County property taxes?**

Yes

**I'm interested in serving on... (please select all boards you are interested in being considered for appointment)**

Planning Board (PB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Facebook, Town Employee / Elected Official, Town Email, Town Website, Currently on Planning Board

**Professional Experience**

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If you applying to be a youth representative, please put "Youth Rep" in the required text fields below.

**Education**

Bachelors Degree

**Current Employer**

Intuit Mailchimp

**Current Job Title**

Senior Site Reliability Engineer

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

800-819-1620

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

Atlanta, Georgia 30308

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

As a Site Reliability Engineer (SRE), I work to ensure that my company's online services stay online and are highly available for our customers 24/7. Rather than just waiting for things to break, I spend time trying to eliminate toil. I automate systems that identify problems and remediate them.

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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**Please explain the reasoning for your interest in serving on this board. Your response may include lived experiences, qualifications, skills, and attributes and any other information that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

While I have only lived within the Town of Apex for about 7 years, during that time I have seen increasing change. We are the "Peak of Good Living" and are increasingly a popular place for people to call home. In Justice Heights, where I live, change is ever present with new homes being nestled between those that are generations old. Being a part of the Planning Board allows me to help ensure we are taking into account this diversity. I want to help make an impact maintaining a healthy balance of growth and land use that still supports those that have always called Apex home. There are many residents that need a voice and can be afraid to raise it; I want to help be that voice for their concerns.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

In my professional field, I am trained to use a wide variety of metrics to inform complex decisions, often in high-stress environments. I bring this same analytical and open-minded approach to the Planning Board, ensuring that even the most high-profile or contentious cases are evaluated with a calm, objective focus. By weighing numerous factors and technical data points, I can help the Board reach balanced conclusions that are grounded in logic and long-term stability rather than just the pressure of the moment.

I take my responsibility to the residents of Apex seriously, which is why I go beyond the standard agenda to conduct my own diligent research, including walking neighborhoods to gather direct feedback and minimize personal bias. I want to continue being a voice for residents who may feel hesitant to speak up or navigate the planning process themselves. My goal is to ensure that as we grow, the diverse backgrounds and concerns of all our citizens are authentically represented in every land-use decision we make.

Living in Justice Heights for the past seven years has given me a front-row seat to the growth we are experiencing. My service is beneficial because I am committed to maintaining a healthy balance between necessary growth and the preservation of our existing neighborhoods. I understand that planning decisions go far beyond what is written on paper; they carry deep personal and cultural meaning. I strive to ensure that Apex's evolution respects the history of those who have always called this town home.

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

Living in Justice Heights, I see firsthand the delicate balance between new construction and legacy homes that have been in families for generations. My first goal is to champion "sensitive infill" that allows for modernization and growth without displacing long-time residents in our established neighborhoods. I want to ensure that our land-use decisions provide clear transitions between different densities, protecting the heritage of Apex while welcoming the diversity that new housing options bring.

Secondly, I think there are ways we can make the planning process more digestible/approachable for everyone. Not just those who are comfortable speaking at the podium. I would like to work with staff to identify outreach initiatives that meet residents where they are. To be more specific, targeting residents in underrepresented areas who may feel intimidated by the technical nature of the UDO.

Finally, really my main goal is to just be present. The decisions that we make in the Planning Board are not inconsequential. They can have a rippling effect on residents and businesses for decades. It is important that I show up and demonstrate my commitment each month, making level headed decisions based on the information we are given.

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

Recently I applied for a Neighborhood Beautification Grant through the Town's Community Development & Neighborhood Connections department. I won a grant and have been working with my neighborhood to come together over the past year to improve upon our public space. Justice Heights is becoming more closely knit and we now have many positive relationships with non-profit partners including Habitat for Humanity and We Plant it Forward. Neighbors have come together to do their part and bond.

We also have a revived newsletter now, helping us stay connected:

<http://justiceheights.org/>

**Please list any governmental board (noting the length of time) on which you are currently or have previously served that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

Town of Apex Planning Board, Peak Plan Task Force

**Have you read the current Charter and Scope of Responsibilities associated with the board you seek to serve on**

Yes, I read and understand the current scope and responsibilities assigned to the board.

**Are you a Peak Academy Graduate?**

Yes

**If you are a recent graduate of Peak Academy, please indicate the year you attended. If you are not a Peak Academy Graduate, please put NA.**

2024

**Have you attended two (2) or more advisory board meetings within the last 12 months?**

Yes, I have attended meetings in-person of the advisory board for which I am applying for.

**How many hours per month are you available to serve in-person, if selected.**

5 or more hours per month

## Demographic Information

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**Do you live within the Apex town limits?**

Yes

**Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?**

No

**Gender**

Male

**Ethnicity**

White/Non-Hispanic

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I own my single family home

**My age range is (please select one):**

30 to 45

**I have been an Apex resident for**

7-10 years

## Conflict of Interest Declarations and Disclosures

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**Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed?**

No

**If you selected yes, please provide additional details below. If not, please indicate NA.**

NA

**Are you an immediate family member of a current Town of Apex Employee, Town Elected Official, or Advisory Board/Committee appointee?**

No

**If you selected yes, please the immediate family members name and affiliation with the Town. If not, please indicate NA.**

NA

**Have you reviewed the Town of Apex Resident Advisory Board Administrative Policy?**

Yes

I, hereby, authorize Town of Apex to verify all information included in this application. I certify that the information contained in this application is true according to the best of my knowledge and belief. I certify that I am providing my legal name and address in which I reside. I understand that inaccurate or untrue information will be cause for immediate removal from any appointed advisory board. By submitting this application, I agree to adhere to all Town policies pertaining to advisory boards, including attendance. I understand that this application is subject to the N.C. Public Records Law (NCGS § 132-1) and may be released upon request.

**Please signing below**

*Daniel Khodaparast*

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## Profile and General Information

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**Legal Name**

Steven A Rhodes

**Pronouns**

He/Him/His

**Preferred First Name**

Steven

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

Amanda

**Physical Address**

107 Downing Pl, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Mailing Address**

107 Downing Pl, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

**Are you current on your Town of Apex and Wake County property taxes?**

Yes

**I'm interested in serving on... (please select all boards you are interested in being considered for appointment)**

Planning Board (PB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Town Email

**Professional Experience**

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If you applying to be a youth representative, please put "Youth Rep" in the required text fields below.

**Education**

Masters Degree

**Current Employer**

Enbridge

**Current Job Title**

Director of Sales

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

1-877-776-2427

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

Cary, North Carolina 27513

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

Manage growth and marketing programs for NC.

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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**Please explain the reasoning for your interest in serving on this board. Your response may include lived experiences, qualifications, skills, and attributes and any other information that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

Reapplying based on previous Planning Board experience.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

Extensive energy background.

Managed large utility projects.

Long time resident that truly cares about Apex.

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

Best Support the Town Staff and Residents.

Remain actively engaged.

Listen.

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

Apex HS FFA Alumni Board

Fairmont UMC - summer work team

**Please list any governmental board (noting the length of time) on which you are currently or have previously served that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

Raleigh Edge 7

**Have you read the current Charter and Scope of Responsibilities associated with the board you seek to serve on**

Yes, I read and understand the current scope and responsibilities assigned to the board.

**Are you a Peak Academy Graduate?**

No

**If you are a recent graduate of Peak Academy, please indicate the year you attended. If you are not a Peak Academy Graduate, please put NA.**

NA

**Have you attended two (2) or more advisory board meetings within the last 12 months?**

Yes, I have attended meetings in-person of the advisory board for which I am applying for.

**How many hours per month are you available to serve in-person, if selected.**

3-5 hours per month

## Demographic Information

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**Do you live within the Apex town limits?**

Yes

**Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?**

No

**Gender**

Male

**Ethnicity**

White/Non-Hispanic

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I own my single family home

**My age range is (please select one):**

46 to 55

**I have been an Apex resident for**

More than 10 years

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No

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NA

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NA

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Yes

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**Please signing below**

*Steven A Rhodes*

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# APPLICATIONS

## ELGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT

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- Gerhard, William – *Corporate Limits*
- Hatcher, Kaitlyn – *Neither Corporate Limits or ETJ*
- Johnson, Avery - *Corporate Limits*
- Negolisak, Kyrone - *Corporate Limits*
- Ripper, Melissa - *Corporate Limits*
- Spanioli, Mark – *ETJ*
- Zhang, Tianduo – *Corporate Limits*

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## Profile and General Information

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**Legal Name**

Aaron G Barnes

**Pronouns**

He/Him/His

**Preferred First Name**

Aaron

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

Edwin Musgrave

**Physical Address**

578 Chessie Sta, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Mailing Address**

578 Chessie Station, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

**Are you current on your Town of Apex and Wake County property taxes?**

Yes

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Board of Adjustment (BOA), Environmental Advisory Board (EAB), Planning Board (PB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Town Employee / Elected Official

**Professional Experience**

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**Education**

Masters Degree

**Current Employer**

Terra & Twine Handcrafted, LLC

**Current Job Title**

Co-Founder & Creative Director

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

984-386-1411

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

I am the Co-Founder and Creative Director of Terra & Twine Handcrafted, LLC, a small, Apex-based business focused on nature-inspired goods, sustainable materials, and community-centered retail. My role spans strategic planning, operations, compliance, branding, public engagement, and vendor coordination.

In parallel, I work as a senior communications and strategy consultant, advising organizations on stakeholder engagement, public messaging, risk mitigation, and long-range planning. My background includes leadership roles in government, international organizations, and defense, where I managed complex programs, coordinated cross-functional teams, and translated policy into actionable execution.

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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**Please explain the reasoning for your interest in serving on this board. Your response may include lived experiences, qualifications, skills, and attributes and any other information that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

My interest in serving on the Environmental Advisory Board, Planning Board, or Board of Adjustment is rooted in my commitment to thoughtful growth, stewardship, and transparent decision-making in Apex. As a current member of the Culture and Arts Advisory Board, I have seen firsthand how advisory bodies can meaningfully shape policy, public trust, and long-term outcomes when they are well-prepared, collaborative, and grounded in community realities.

Professionally, I bring experience operating at the intersection of policy, planning, and public impact — evaluating tradeoffs, assessing second- and third-order effects, and balancing technical requirements with human outcomes. Personally, as a resident, small business owner, and active civic participant, I care deeply about ensuring Apex continues to grow in a way that is environmentally responsible, well-planned, and fair to residents, businesses, and future generations.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

1. Systems-level perspective: My background in strategic planning and regulatory environments allows me to evaluate proposals holistically — considering environmental impact, land use, infrastructure strain, community character, and long-term sustainability rather than isolated outcomes.
2. Proven advisory board experience: Through my service on CAAB, I understand board responsibilities, public-records requirements, meeting discipline, and how to translate community input into clear recommendations for Council and staff.
3. Clear, accountable communication: I am skilled at asking precise questions, documenting rationale, and communicating decisions in a way that builds public confidence, even when outcomes are complex or contentious.

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

1. Strengthen clarity and consistency in decision-making: Support processes that ensure recommendations are well-documented, precedent-aware, and understandable to residents.
2. Balance growth with stewardship: Advocate for approaches that protect environmental resources, neighborhood integrity, and infrastructure capacity while recognizing Apex’s growth realities.
3. Improve community understanding and trust: Help demystify board processes and decisions so residents feel informed, heard, and respected even when outcomes are not unanimous.

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

I currently serve on the Town of Apex Culture and Arts Advisory Board, where I have contributed to initiatives focused on public engagement, digital presence, and community visibility for arts and cultural programming. This includes supporting clearer communication between the board, Town staff, and residents, and helping frame arts initiatives as part of Apex’s broader quality-of-life and economic ecosystem.

Outside of formal board service, I regularly engage with local events, small businesses, and community organizations, and operate an Apex-based business that participates in local markets and civic life. These roles give me consistent, on-the-ground insight into how Town decisions affect residents, entrepreneurs, and neighborhoods.

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Culture and Arts Advisory Board (Town of Apex) — Current member since October 2025

In prior professional roles, I have supported and advised governmental and intergovernmental bodies in planning, policy development, and oversight capacities, including work with municipal partners and international public institutions.

**Have you read the current Charter and Scope of Responsibilities associated with the board you seek to serve on**

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No

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Yes

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No

**Gender**

Male

**Ethnicity**

Two or more

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I own my townhome

**My age range is (please select one):**

30 to 45

**I have been an Apex resident for**

7-10 years

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No

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NA

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NA

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Please signing below



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**Legal Name**

William Gerhard

**Pronouns**

He/Him/His

**Preferred First Name**

Billy

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

Alexa Waters

**Physical Address**

2076 Toad Hollow Trl, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Mailing Address**

SAME, SAME, North Carolina 27502

**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

**Are you current on your Town of Apex and Wake County property taxes?**

Yes

**I'm interested in serving on... (please select all boards you are interested in being considered for appointment)**

Board of Adjustment (BOA), Environmental Advisory Board (EAB), Multimodal Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB), Planning Board (PB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Town Website

**Professional Experience**

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**Education**

Masters Degree

**Current Employer**

Three Ships

**Current Job Title**

Chief Technology Officer

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

7043157960

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

Raleigh, North Carolina 27605

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

As Chief Technology Officer at Three Ships, I lead the company's technology, data, and analytics strategy across a portfolio of digital marketing and consumer services businesses. My core duties include overseeing software development, data infrastructure, and AI initiatives that improve efficiency and decision-making. I work closely with business and operations leaders to design and implement technology solutions that drive growth, transparency, and better customer experiences.

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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Apex has been an incredible place for my family, and I'm eager to give back by contributing to the town's continued growth and success. I've built my career at the intersection of technology, data science, and organizational leadership, and I believe those skills can add real value to the board's work.

As the Chief Technology Officer of a North Carolina-based company, I lead cross-functional teams that design and implement data systems used to make complex decisions more transparent and efficient. My work often involves translating technical insights into practical, people-centered policies -- an approach I believe mirrors the kind of thoughtful governance that helps a town like Apex thrive.

I'm particularly passionate about using data and technology to improve service delivery, enhance transparency, and support long-term planning grounded in evidence rather than opinion. I see public service as an opportunity to apply that same analytical rigor and collaborative spirit in a way that benefits the community I call home.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

Data-Driven Decision Making:

I bring extensive experience using analytics and technology to inform strategic decisions. I can help the Town use data more effectively to evaluate policies, optimize resource allocation, and measure outcomes—ensuring decisions are transparent, evidence-based, and grounded in long-term impact.

Technical and Operational Expertise:

As a Chief Technology Officer leading interdisciplinary teams across software, data science, and process design, I have firsthand experience managing complex systems and translating technical insights into practical action. I can contribute to modernizing how the Town approaches digital transformation, cybersecurity, and citizen services.

Collaborative and Community-Oriented Leadership:

My professional success has depended on building cross-functional alignment among people with diverse perspectives. I value respectful debate, clear communication, and finding common ground—skills that are essential for effective public service. My goal is to apply that same collaborative mindset to help Apex grow in a way that balances innovation with preserving the character that makes it special.

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

Use Data to Strengthen Decision-Making and Transparency:

I would like to help the Town of Apex make more informed decisions by using data and technology to track performance, measure impact, and communicate outcomes clearly to residents. By establishing simple, transparent dashboards or periodic reporting frameworks, we can ensure that policy and resource decisions are grounded in evidence and understood by the community.

Promote Smart, Sustainable Growth:

Apex is growing rapidly, and I want to support initiatives that balance development with livability -- focusing on traffic management, infrastructure planning, and maintaining the town's unique character. My goal would be to help apply analytical tools and scenario modeling to anticipate long-term needs and ensure our growth remains responsible and financially sound.

Advance Digital Efficiency and Citizen Engagement:

I would like to help modernize how the Town communicates and delivers services -- making it easier for residents to access information, provide feedback, and engage with local government. Drawing from my background in building digital systems and automation tools, I'd focus on practical ways to streamline internal workflows and improve the resident experience.

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

While I haven't recently volunteered within the Town of Apex, I've long believed in the importance of community-driven service. During my undergraduate studies, I volunteered for hundreds of hours to establish the first water quality monitoring program in the Galápagos Islands. That initiative -- still active more than a decade later -- provides ongoing testing to ensure clean drinking water for both residents and visitors. The experience taught me how data, collaboration, and local partnerships can create sustainable, real-world impact, and it continues to shape how I think about community problem-solving and long-term stewardship here in Apex.

**Please list any governmental board (noting the length of time) on which you are currently or have previously served that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

NA

**Have you read the current Charter and Scope of Responsibilities associated with the board you seek to serve on**

Yes, I read and understand the current scope and responsibilities assigned to the board.

**Are you a Peak Academy Graduate?**

No

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NA

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3-5 hours per month

## Demographic Information

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**Do you live within the Apex town limits?**

Yes

**Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?**

No

**Gender**

Male

**Ethnicity**

White/Non-Hispanic

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I own my single family home

**My age range is (please select one):**

30 to 45

**I have been an Apex resident for**

1-3 years

## Conflict of Interest Declarations and Disclosures

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**Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed?**

No

**If you selected yes, please provide additional details below. If not, please indicate NA.**

NA

**Are you an immediate family member of a current Town of Apex Employee, Town Elected Official, or Advisory Board/Committee appointee?**

No

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NA

**Have you reviewed the Town of Apex Resident Advisory Board Administrative Policy?**

Yes

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## Profile and General Information

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**Legal Name**

Kaitlyn M Hatcher

**Pronouns**

**Preferred First Name**

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

**Physical Address**

3712 Mason Rd, New Hill, North Carolina 27562

**Mailing Address**

SAME, New Hill, North Carolina 27562

**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

**Are you current on your Town of Apex and Wake County property taxes?**

Yes

**I'm interested in serving on... (please select all boards you are interested in being considered for appointment)**

Planning Board (PB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Friend / Neighbor, Facebook

**Professional Experience**

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If you applying to be a youth representative, please put "Youth Rep" in the required text fields below.

**Education**

Masters Degree

**Current Employer**

Wake County HHS

**Current Job Title**

Nutritionist

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

(919) 212-7000

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

Raleigh, North Carolina 27610

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

As a WIC Nutritionist, I provide nutrition education, counseling, and assessment services to women, infants, and children enrolled in the WIC program. This role supports healthy pregnancies, growth, and development through individualized care, group education, and coordination with healthcare and community partners.

My core duties include: conducting nutrition assessments, providing individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support, developing and delivering nutrition education materials and classes, monitoring participant progress and maintaining accurate documentation and collaborating with healthcare providers and community agencies.

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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**Please explain the reasoning for your interest in serving on this board. Your response may include lived experiences, qualifications, skills, and attributes and any other information that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

My interest in serving on this board is deeply rooted in my love for and long-standing connection to this community. My family has lived in this area for generations, beginning with the establishment of our homestead in the late 1800s in what is now Harris Lake Park. When that land was taken for the creation of the park and lake, my family resettled in New Hill. Generations later, I remain here, committed to preserving the character and charm of the ETJ while supporting thoughtful and responsible growth.

Over the years, our community has experienced significant infrastructure changes, including high-voltage power lines, sewage and gas lines, and water treatment facilities running through or near our homes. Most recently, the proposed data center has reinforced for me how critical it is for residents to stay informed and engaged in planning and development decisions. These experiences have shaped my perspective and strengthened my desire to contribute meaningfully to decisions that will impact both current residents and future generations.

Professionally, I bring a strong background in public health and community service. I hold a master's degree in nutrition with a focus on public health and previously served as the WIC Director at CommWell Health from February 2019 through January 2023. In that role, I was actively involved in community outreach, including work with migrant workers and their families. I currently serve as a Nutritionist with Wake County Health and Human Services, where I continue to work at the intersection of public health, community needs, and systems-level planning.

My professional and lived experiences have strengthened my skills in collaboration, strategic thinking, and cultural competence. I am accustomed to working with diverse stakeholders and approaching complex issues with a balanced, community-centered lens. I would bring to this board both a deep personal investment in this area and a thoughtful, informed approach to decision-making, with the goal of ensuring growth that is responsible, inclusive, and respectful of our community's history.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

1. Multigenerational perspective and commitment to responsible growth

As a multigenerational resident of the ETJ, I bring a long-term perspective shaped by both family history and lived experience. My family's roots date back to the late 1800s in what is now Harris Lake Park, with later resettlement in New Hill. Having witnessed major infrastructure projects and ongoing development pressures firsthand, I understand the lasting impact planning decisions have on residents. This perspective allows me to support growth that is thoughtful, transparent, and respectful of community character.

2. Public health expertise and community-focused decision-making

I hold a master's degree in nutrition with a public health focus and have extensive experience working in community-based and government health settings. As former WIC Director at CommWell Health and a current Nutritionist with Wake County Health and Human Services, I bring a people-centered lens to policy and planning discussions, with attention to how decisions affect health, access to resources, and overall quality of life in Apex.

3. Collaborative, strategic, and culturally competent approach

My professional background has strengthened my skills in collaboration, strategic thinking, and cultural competence. Through leadership roles and community outreach—particularly with migrant workers and their families—I am experienced in working with diverse stakeholders and navigating complex issues. I would contribute a balanced, inclusive, and solution-oriented voice that supports informed and community-responsive outcomes for the Town of Apex.

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

1. Promote responsible, transparent growth that reflects community input

One of my primary goals would be to support development decisions that balance growth with preservation of community character, particularly within the ETJ. I hope to encourage transparent processes, clear communication, and meaningful opportunities for resident engagement so that planning decisions reflect both long-term impacts and community priorities.

2. Incorporate public health and quality-of-life considerations into planning decisions

Drawing on my public health background, I would work to ensure that planning and policy discussions consider impacts on health, environmental quality, and access to resources. This includes thoughtful consideration of infrastructure, environmental exposures, and how development affects families, vulnerable populations, and overall quality of life in the Town of Apex.

3. Strengthen collaboration and trust between the Town and the community

I would aim to help strengthen relationships between residents, board members, and Town staff by fostering respectful dialogue and collaboration. By bringing a culturally competent, community-centered perspective, I hope to help bridge gaps between technical planning processes and lived community experiences, supporting decisions that are informed, inclusive, and sustainable.

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

My recent volunteer experience has focused on community outreach and service to vulnerable populations within Wake County, including residents of the Town of Apex and surrounding areas. Through my professional and volunteer involvement in nutrition and public health initiatives, I have supported families by providing nutrition education, connecting individuals to resources, and helping address food access and health-related needs. These volunteer experiences have reinforced my commitment to community service, collaboration, and civic engagement. They have also deepened my understanding of the diverse needs within Apex, allowing me to contribute a thoughtful, informed, and community-centered perspective to initiatives that support the town's overall health and quality of life.

**Please list any governmental board (noting the length of time) on which you are currently or have previously served that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

I have not previously served on a governmental board. However, my professional roles within public health have required regular collaboration with local and county government agencies, participation in cross-sector initiatives, and engagement in community planning and outreach efforts. These experiences have provided me with a strong understanding of public-sector processes, accountability, and collaborative decision-making, and have prepared me to contribute effectively in a board setting.

**Have you read the current Charter and Scope of Responsibilities associated with the board you seek to serve on**

Yes, I read and understand the current scope and responsibilities assigned to the board.

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## Demographic Information

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No

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Yes

**Gender**

Female

**Ethnicity**

White/Non-Hispanic

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I rent my single family home

**My age range is (please select one):**

30 to 45

**I have been an Apex resident for**

More than 10 years

## Conflict of Interest Declarations and Disclosures

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No

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NA

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NA

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Yes

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Kaitlyn Thomas

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## Profile and General Information

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**Legal Name**

Avery Johnson

**Pronouns**

She/Her/Hers

**Preferred First Name**

Avery

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

Antonio Johnson

**Physical Address**

1812 Kelly Glen Drive, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Mailing Address**

1812 Kelly Glen Drive, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

**Are you current on your Town of Apex and Wake County property taxes?**

Yes

**I'm interested in serving on... (please select all boards you are interested in being considered for appointment)**

Planning Board (PB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Town Employee / Elected Official, Town Email

**Professional Experience**

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If you applying to be a youth representative, please put "Youth Rep" in the required text fields below.

**Education**

Masters Degree

**Current Employer**

NC State Bureau of Investigation - Retired (Part-time)

**Current Job Title**

Procurement/Contract Specialist

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

919-582-8554

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

Raleigh, North Carolina 27502

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

Assist with developing and managing contracts ranging from medium to high complexity which includes drafting, reviewing and negotiating contracts. Assist in the development of IFBs, RFQs, RFPs, and MOUs. Ensuring all contracts comply with state laws, agency policies, and applicable federal regulations. Assist business and technical owners from all functional areas in the selection of vendors and documentation of vendor obligations consistent with requirements. Work within the framework of purchasing, contracting and legal strategies, law, administrative regulations and policies and procedures. Guide and assist internal customers through the entire decision-making process and contracting experience. Work with the end-user to obtain and prepare solicitations for competitive bidding. Enter requisition into NC Procurement System for the procurement of goods and services.

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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**Please explain the reasoning for your interest in serving on this board. Your response may include lived experiences, qualifications, skills, and attributes and any other information that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

My interest in serving on this board is to provide my educational and work experience to the Board as it relates to planning the contracts and procurement for the Town of Apex. I bring 30+ years of experience with state and federal procurement/contracts. I believe it is important to ensure that TOA receives the services and goods in which has been procured and uphold Vendor(s) to the terms of all contractual agreements.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

1. Thirty plus year of experience.
2. Dedication and Team Player.
3. Provide excellent customer service

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

1. Bring collaboration.
2. Continue to provide transparency.
3. Ensure planning made is conducive for all.

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

I have volunteered with the Transitional Assistance and Hospice House and had patients at the Cambridge Senior Living in Apex.

**Please list any governmental board (noting the length of time) on which you are currently or have previously served that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

No governmental boards, only service on community boards.

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**Are you a Peak Academy Graduate?**

No

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NA

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No, I have not attended meetings in-person of the advisory board for which I am applying for.

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5 or more hours per month

## Demographic Information

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Yes

**Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?**

Yes

**Gender**

Female

**Ethnicity**

Two or more

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I own my townhome

**My age range is (please select one):**

Over 55

**I have been an Apex resident for**

More than 10 years

## Conflict of Interest Declarations and Disclosures

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**Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed?**

No

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N/A

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Yes

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Antonio Johnson

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Yes

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## Profile and General Information

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**Legal Name**

Kyrone C Nebolisa

**Pronouns**

He/Him/His

**Preferred First Name**

Kyrone

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

Chinyere Nebolisa

**Physical Address**

2861 Jordan Pointe Blvd, New Hill, North Carolina 27562

**Mailing Address**

2861 Jordan Pointe Blvd, New Hill, North Carolina 27562

**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

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Yes

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Planning Board (PB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Town Employee / Elected Official

**Professional Experience**

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If you applying to be a youth representative, please put "Youth Rep" in the required text fields below.

**Education**

Masters Degree

**Current Employer**

Johnson & Johnson

**Current Job Title**

QA Specialist, CSV

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

866-565-2873

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

Wilson, North Carolina 27894

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

I currently work at Johnson and Johnson as a Quality Assurance specialist in computer systems validation. In my role I ensure that all of the automation systems that will control our process of making oncology medicines meets FDA and site quality standard to help ensure that patients receive the highest quality product.

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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**Please explain the reasoning for your interest in serving on this board. Your response may include lived experiences, qualifications, skills, and attributes and any other information that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

I am interested in serving on the Apex Planning Board because I care deeply about how our community grows and want to contribute my skills and experience to support thoughtful, balanced decision-making. As a QA Specialist in computer system validation, I am trained to evaluate complex information, weigh risk, follow regulations, and document decisions clearly and objectively. I believe these strengths translate well to reviewing plans, ordinances, and development proposals that will shape Apex's long-term future.

Over the past five years living in Apex/New Hill, I have become increasingly invested in the town's success, particularly through my volunteer work as an ambassador with the Apex Chamber of Commerce and my service on the board of Launch Apex. These roles have given me direct exposure to the needs and challenges of small businesses, as well as the importance of fostering an environment where entrepreneurs can thrive. As a small business owner and homeowner myself, I understand the need to balance economic growth with preserving quality of life, ensuring housing remains attainable, and maintaining the character that makes Apex attractive. I am especially interested in smart growth, support for small businesses, and affordable housing, and I would approach Planning Board responsibilities with a data-informed, community-minded, and collaborative mindset.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

1. Analytical and compliance-focused skill set

As a QA Specialist in computer system validation, I am accustomed to reviewing complex information, assessing risk, and ensuring alignment with regulations and standards. This experience would help me carefully evaluate development proposals and planning policies, ask detailed and relevant questions, and support decisions that are consistent, well-documented, and in the long-term best interest of the town.

2. Small business and economic development perspective

Through my work as an ambassador with the Apex Chamber of Commerce and my service on the Launch Apex board, I have regular interaction with small business owners and entrepreneurs. I understand the challenges they face related to location, zoning, costs, and access to customers. I can bring this perspective to the Planning Board to help ensure that our land use decisions support a healthy small business environment while still protecting residential quality of life.

3. Commitment to balanced, community-centered growth

As a five-year resident of Apex/New Hill, a homeowner, and a small business owner, I am directly impacted by decisions around growth, housing, and infrastructure. I care about promoting smart growth that preserves the character of Apex, improves affordability, and supports connectivity and livability. I would be a consistent advocate for balancing economic development with thoughtful planning, transparency, and consideration of how decisions affect both current residents and future generations.

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

1. Support smart, well-planned growth that aligns with Apex's long-term vision

I would work to ensure that new development is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and small area plans, with particular attention to impacts on traffic, infrastructure, and existing neighborhoods. My goal would be to prioritize projects that enhance connectivity, preserve community character, and make efficient use of land and public resources.

2. Strengthen support for small businesses through land use and zoning decisions

Drawing on my experience with the Apex Chamber of Commerce and Launch Apex, I would aim to highlight how zoning, site design, and mixed-use development can either help or hinder small businesses. I would work to encourage development patterns that create walkable, active commercial areas and provide opportunities for locally owned businesses to succeed.

3. Promote a more diverse and attainable housing mix

I would advocate for planning and zoning decisions that create a broader range of housing types and price points, consistent with town policies. This includes supporting thoughtfully located higher-density and mixed-use projects, where appropriate, and encouraging tools that help maintain affordability while still respecting neighborhood context and quality of life.

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

My most recent volunteer experience has been through the Apex Chamber of Commerce, where I have served as an ambassador, and as a board member for Launch Apex. As a Chamber ambassador, I help welcome and connect businesses, attend events, and support outreach efforts that strengthen relationships between local businesses and the community. This contributes to a stronger small business ecosystem and a more vibrant local economy. Through Launch Apex, I work with an entrepreneurial support program that provides mentoring, networking, and resources to new and growing small businesses. By supporting these entrepreneurs, I help create opportunities for job growth, innovation, and local investment in Apex. Together, these roles have allowed me to positively contribute to the town's economic vitality and sense of community.

**Please list any governmental board (noting the length of time) on which you are currently or have previously served that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

I have not yet served on a governmental board. My experience to date has been in community and economic development roles, including serving as an ambassador with the Apex Chamber of Commerce and as a board member for Launch Apex. I see the Planning Board as an opportunity to bring this perspective into formal public service and to apply my professional skills and community experience in a more structured, policy-focused setting.

**Have you read the current Charter and Scope of Responsibilities associated with the board you seek to serve on**

Yes, I read and understand the current scope and responsibilities assigned to the board.

**Are you a Peak Academy Graduate?**

No

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N/A

**Have you attended two (2) or more advisory board meetings within the last 12 months?**

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5 or more hours per month

**Demographic Information**

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**Do you live within the Apex town limits?**

Yes

**Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?**

Yes

**Gender**

Male

**Ethnicity**

Black or African American

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I own my single family home

**My age range is (please select one):**

30 to 45

**I have been an Apex resident for**

4-6 years

**Conflict of Interest Declarations and Disclosures**

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**Do you have any personal or business interest that could create a conflict (either real or perceived) if appointed?**

No

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N/A

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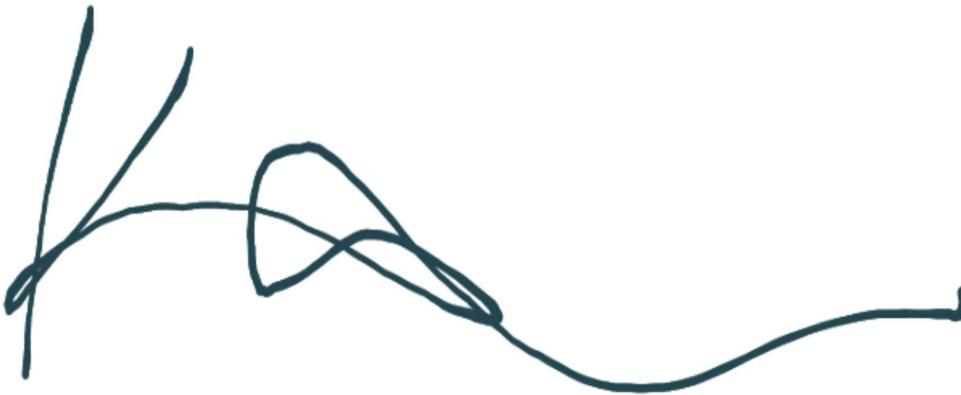
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## Profile and General Information

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**Legal Name**

Melissa B Ripper

**Pronouns**

She/Her/Hers

**Preferred First Name**

Melissa

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

Ralph Ripper

**Physical Address**

3418 Jordan Shires Dr, New Hill, North Carolina 27562

**Mailing Address**

3418 Jordan Shires Dr, New Hill, North Carolina 27562

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone  
(work/home)**

**Are you current on your Town of Apex and Wake County property taxes?**

Yes

**I'm interested in serving on... (please select all boards you are interested in being considered for appointment)**

Environmental Advisory Board (EAB), Planning Board (PB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Town Website

**Professional Experience**

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If you applying to be a youth representative, please put "Youth Rep" in the required text fields below.

**Education**

Bachelors Degree

**Current Employer**

Potters Hand Preschool and Living with Autism

**Current Job Title**

Teacher and Advocate

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

9193078007

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

New Hill, North Carolina 27562

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

As an advocate I help those with special needs on every day life skills and independency. I also was a part time employee but now sub for Potters Hand Preschool. Some of my other advocacy work needed more of my attention in recent months. I have 20 yrs of lobbying for autism rights as well.

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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**Please explain the reasoning for your interest in serving on this board. Your response may include lived experiences, qualifications, skills, and attributes and any other information that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

I have lived in Apex and New Hill for 26 years. I have watched the continuous growth and I want to make sure our town makes the right decisions to fit the narrative of the Peak of good Living.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

In the last 10 yrs I have watched Apex explode in growth. I would like to see it make the right decisions to make it still charming, attractive, and functional for all that live here. This is the longest place I've ever lived and some of the growth or applications I have concerns about and want to make sure they are appropriate in our area. I have experience in advocating.

I'm comfortable speaking with the public. And I would love to work along side our council members in the decision process.

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

Thoughts and decisions are well thought out and researched for our area. I enjoy researching and would like to help in this dept. There are other towns in Wake Cty who have made mistakes with fast growth and I'd like to see us do it intelligently. I want to help with the overall big picture for our community.

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

Currently I am a member of the Protect Wake County Coalition which is a volunteer group looking at smart ways the state of NC and Wake County can go about data centers coming into areas and what are the best ways to keep people safe from their health issues, and use of water and utilities. I've had the chance to get to know council well during this time and would hope this would be an asset.

**Please list any governmental board (noting the length of time) on which you are currently or have previously served that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

I graduated for the NC Partners in Policymaking in 2006 connected with the NC Developmental Disabilities Council who learns special needs law and works with the NC General Assembly. I have continued that work since that time. Using those skills to work on House Representative Paul Stam's campaign many yrs ago regarding autism bills in NC. I also worked on Terry MaHaffey's campaign 2 yrs ago as well for Apex.

I also was on the board with North Carolina Autism Society about a decade ago working with the GA on advocacy.

**Have you read the current Charter and Scope of Responsibilities associated with the board you seek to serve on**

Yes, I read and understand the current scope and responsibilities assigned to the board.

**Are you a Peak Academy Graduate?**

No

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NA but would like to attend it

**Have you attended two (2) or more advisory board meetings within the last 12 months?**

Yes, I have attended meetings in-person of the advisory board for which I am applying for.

**How many hours per month are you available to serve in-person, if selected.**

3-5 hours per month

**Demographic Information**

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**Do you live within the Apex town limits?**

Yes

**Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?**

No

**Gender**

Female

**Ethnicity**

White/Non-Hispanic

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I own my single family home

**My age range is (please select one):**

46 to 55

**I have been an Apex resident for**

More than 10 years

**Conflict of Interest Declarations and Disclosures**

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No

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NA

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No

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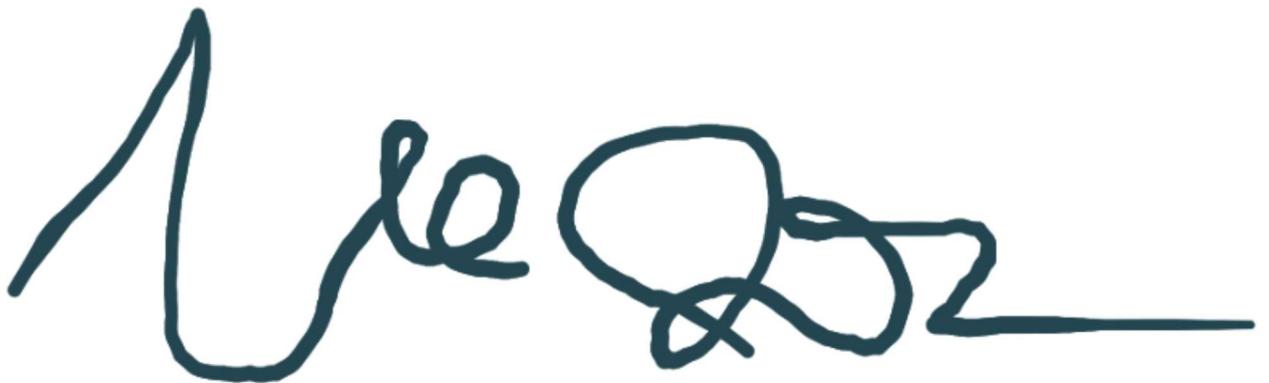
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Yes

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## Profile and General Information

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**Legal Name**

Mark Spanioli

**Pronouns**

**Preferred First Name**

Mark

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

Laura Spanioli

**Physical Address**

2908 Timpani Trl, Apex, North Carolina 27539

**Mailing Address**

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**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

**Are you current on your Town of Apex and Wake County property taxes?**

Yes

**I'm interested in serving on... (please select all boards you are interested in being considered for appointment)**

Planning Board (PB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Mayor Gilbert

**Professional Experience**

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If you applying to be a youth representative, please put "Youth Rep" in the required text fields below.

**Education**

Bachelors Degree

**Current Employer**

Town of Morrisville

**Current Job Title**

Director of Engineering

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

9194636193

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

Morrisville, North Carolina 27560

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

Engineering department head in charge of development services, capital projects and stormwater administration for the Town. Engineering is in charge of all design and construction projects for the Town including facilities (public safety, parks and administrative buildings). roads (NCDOT and Town roads) and stormwater projects (SCM's, culverts and other stormwater conveyance). Engineering also provides plan review and inspection services for all private development within the Town.

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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**Please explain the reasoning for your interest in serving on this board. Your response may include lived experiences, qualifications, skills, and attributes and any other information that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

Extensive knowledge of planning and zoning principles through over 25 years of public and private development as a consulting engineer and a municipal engineer. Projects included residential, commercial, industrial and municipal projects.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

My background and experience as an Engineering Director in Local Government, my experience as a design engineer, my knowledge of real estate development.

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

Assist the Town staff and Council make informed decisions, preserve the community development goals and support positive development for Apex

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

I volunteer as a youth group leader at my church and host volunteer events with the students to help with community needs. I am a board member of my HOA. I also participate in litter clean-ups around the community. I think because of the types of volunteer opportunities I participate in, it makes me feel connected to the community and the people that live here.

**Please list any governmental board (noting the length of time) on which you are currently or have previously served that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

Wake County Board of Adjustments (current, 2 years), Apex MTAB (current, 3 months), Bond Oversight Board City of Miami (3 years, 2012-2015)

**Have you read the current Charter and Scope of Responsibilities associated with the board you seek to serve on**

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**Are you a Peak Academy Graduate?**

No

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NA

**Have you attended two (2) or more advisory board meetings within the last 12 months?**

Yes, I have attended meetings in-person of the advisory board for which I am applying for.

**How many hours per month are you available to serve in-person, if selected.**

5 or more hours per month

**Demographic Information**

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**Do you live within the Apex town limits?**

No

**Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?**

Yes

**Gender**

Male

**Ethnicity**

White/Non-Hispanic

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I own my single family home

**My age range is (please select one):**

46 to 55

**I have been an Apex resident for**

4-6 years

**Conflict of Interest Declarations and Disclosures**

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No

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NA

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NA

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**Legal Name**

Tianduo Zhang

**Pronouns**

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**Preferred First Name**

**Spouse/Partner Name (If applicable)**

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**Physical Address**

1044 Blackpool Ct, Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Mailing Address**

1044 Blackpool Ct., Apex, North Carolina 27502

**Email**

**Mobile Phone**

**Alternate Phone (work/home)**

**Are you current on your Town of Apex and Wake County property taxes?**

Yes

**I'm interested in serving on... (please select all boards you are interested in being considered for appointment)**

Board of Adjustment (BOA), Environmental Advisory Board (EAB)

**How did you hear about this opportunity to serve?**

Friend / Neighbor, Town Employee / Elected Official

**Professional Experience**

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If you applying to be a youth representative, please put "Youth Rep" in the required text fields below.

**Education**

Masters Degree

**Current Employer**

North Carolina Central University

**Current Job Title**

Assistant Professor in Mass Communication

**Employer Main Work Telephone Number**

9195307200

**Employer Onsite Office Location**

Durham, North Carolina 27502

**Please briefly describe your job function and core duties,**

Teaching. Research. Service

**Interest and Civic / Volunteer Experience**

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**Please explain the reasoning for your interest in serving on this board. Your response may include lived experiences, qualifications, skills, and attributes and any other information that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

I hear that one was having a hard time fill but zoning appeal is so important for the town. I have a doctoral degree and I am pretty comfortable with data and reading complex cases. I am trained in promoting civic discourse and civic engagement through Citizen University.

**Please describe three (3) reasons why your service on the chosen board could be beneficial to the Town of Apex.**

I work for a public university so no conflict of interests. I do research for living so I will very carefully review whatever case is at hand and come up with solutions if needed to be. I am very comfortable with data and analysis so my decision would be data driven.

**If appointed to your preferred board, please describe your top three (3) goals or initiatives you would hope to achieve during your term.**

Board of adjustment is a need based board. I don't have an agenda myself.

**Please describe your recent volunteer experience and how this positively contributed to the Town of Apex.**

Organized my HOA Chelsea Run to complete Town of Apex beautification grant.

**Please list any governmental board (noting the length of time) on which you are currently or have previously served that might distinguish your application from other candidates.**

Not a board but I worked with Durham Public Health Department securing and delivering a 2 year 2 million dollar federal grant on promoting public health literacy.  
Served as scientist on NC PFAS Test Network (2 years).  
Advice NC HHS on community survey development (one time)

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No

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NA

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## Demographic Information

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Yes

**Do you live within the town's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?**

No

**Gender**

Female

**Ethnicity**

Asian or Pacific Islander

**Do you rent or own your home?**

I own my single family home

**My age range is (please select one):**

30 to 45

**I have been an Apex resident for**

4-6 years

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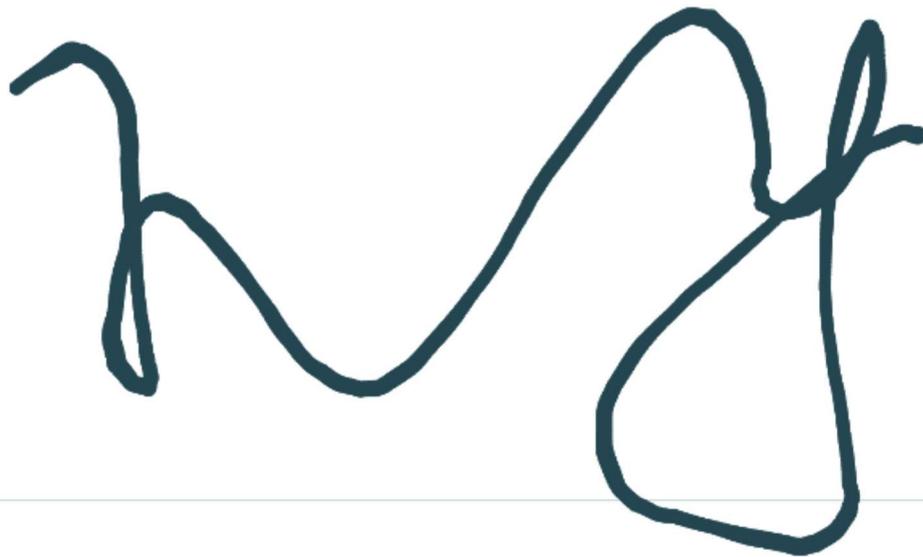
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