

## APPLICATION FOR BOARD OR COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

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City Clerk's Office, 300 LaPorte Avenue or mail to P.O. Box 580, Fort Collins, CO 80522 If you have questions or need more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 970.416.2525

Eligibility Requirements:

# 1 year residency within the Fort Collins Growth Management Area (map attached)

# Registered Voter (applies to 18 years and older)

	Name: Liri Sananes Mailing Address:		Zip: 80521
	Residence:	Zip:	
	Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell Phone:		
	E-mail:		•
	Have you resided within the Fort Collins Growth Management Area for one year? (map attached) Yes No		
	Which Council District do you live in? (map attached) Council District 5 Are you a registered voter? Yes	0	
	Current Occupation: I am a full-time student at CSU, and I have a few on-campus part-time positions Employ	er: C	SU
1	Recent and/or relevant work experience (please include dates):		
	Associate Senator for the Student Disability Center under the Student Government Associated Students of Co	olorad	do State
	University (ASCSU), (April 2025 – Present)		
	Recent and/or relevant volunteer experience (please include dates):		
	<ul> <li>ASCSU Accessibility Caucus member, (July 2023—Present) – I was also an officer for this Caucus las worked to reconnect us with facilities at CSU and trying to figure out how we can address the accessibility campus. Currently as an associate senator I'm working on how can we get these people that are trying to accessibility a reliable fund. Right now they are challenged by lack of funding which is slowing them dow within the Student Government and hopefully will meet with university leadership to determine how we can this money. Before this I was active in helping to test the automatic door openers which is what the caucular upon. When facilities started to install new openers there were issues with the materials which halted the up blocking functioning buttons with new polls for these new buttons, I communicated to facilities that this resolved in the meantime, and they agreed. The wait for the new parts and labor ended up being prolong communicating these smaller details accessibility was maintained rather than blocked.</li> <li>Dial-A-Ride and Transit Accessibility Committee, (December 2024-Present), I talked below about who DAB my first time and this is related to that. After working with Transfort on improving the signage I was in the procession of the signage I was interested to the procession of the signage I was interested to the procession of the signage I was interested to the procession of the processi</li></ul>	y issuming some of the control of th	ues on rove I'm working me up with as founded to be oby  ended the
	DARTAC, I think it's important that CSU students are heard in these conversations about transportation of we use it so much. I try to give feedback from what I see and what I hear in ASCSU spaces or from my continuous have brought up providing Dial-A-Ride applications at the CSU Transit Center and in the Student Disability having an application drop-off at the transit center to increase accessibility to students or anyone that mist center. Also suggesting improving rider alerts, right now the texts don't provide a stop number so knowing closed can be hard, there are other potential improvements and I believe they will be on the agenda in Committee for Disabled Student Accessibility (March 2025-Present), Last spring I proposed that we	onstit ty Ce ght us g which ctobe utilize	tuency. I enter, and se the transit ch stop is er. e some of
	our funding to install automatic door openers for the on-campus Rams Against Hunger food pantry. Just entrance was installed. This started with me wondering why we don't have automatic door openers for the when I facilitated the meeting with facilities in Accessibility Caucus, I asked them why that wasn't implement pantry was built, and the answer was basically that they had missed that detail. CSU buildings are current have one entrance with these openers and while the food pantry is attached to a building there is no acceptially only from outside. So as an officer for Accessibility Caucus and Associate Senator I proposed the and I worked with university leaders to get approved for a quote and worked with other CDSA members in portion of our money to be used for this.  Are you currently serving on a City board or commission? Yes	e foo ented atly re ess w at we	d pantry, d when the equired to within the e fund this

Additionally in these spaces often it tends to be older individuals that are represented and I think it's important to have a

diverse board, especially in a town that has so many students. Regardless of my affiliation with CSU I am committed to accessibility and inclusion of disabled people. And I am committed to taking action and completing accessibility projects.

Have you attended a meeting of the board or commission you are applying to or talked to anyone currently on the board?

Yes No

If yes, please share your experience:

I initially heard about the DAB through ASCSU, I was trying to figure out how to connect with the city on the signage on the buses that refers to the disability priority seating. As a disabled person that is unable to drive and also an Ecosystem Science and Sustainability major I ride the busses almost every day, after moving off-campus and riding several different busses I realized that the signage on the busses varied and that there were 3 different designs with varied accessibility. I wanted to advocate for better, accessible, readable, consistent signage and also for the maintenance of such signage. It's important that disabled passengers know that accommodations exist and are available and that other passengers know of these accommodations so that they can offer their seats in the moment that a disabled passenger comes on the bus or so that they understand that a wheelchair user needs to be secured and that the securements are below certain seats. Soon after Transofrt redesigned the signage with my recommendations and installed them! Since then I have been able to attend pretty consistently, I'm familiar with most of the current members and I will also be helping a bit with the award ceremony and will attend. That was all mostly from the first time I went to the DAB but I've enjoyed attending as a community member and giving feedback during other presentations.

List any abilities, skills, licenses, certifications, specialized training, or interests you have which are applicable to this board or commission:

I am currently a student at Colorado State University and my minor is in Diversity and Inclusion in Natural Resources with a personal focus on disability accessibility. Initially this minor did not include any classes about disabled people and I advocated for these considerations now there are two classes. CSU as a whole does not have a lot of classes on disability. I consider American Sign Language to be my third language as I am proficient and can hold conversations. I am not a certified interpreter but I think it's important to be able to communicate with deaf people. I am always watching out for accessibility issues and looking for ways to fix them. I am currently working on a resolution because currently CSU is not budgeting for physical accessibility projects and ADA compliance, I am working with various contacts in Facilities to try and understand their budgeting needs and ultimately how much money they need. Through meeting with them I learn a lot about physical ADA compliance and learn to watch out for these things. Currently we are looking at more then \$400k a year.

Briefly explain what you believe are the three most important issues face this board or commission, and how do you believe this board or commission should address each issue?

- (1) I think the Disability Advisory Board needs more public interaction and engagement in more educational activities. I think connecting residents with the 'Access FC' app is important. I've been able to report accessibility issues and the city was able to fix them
- (2) . I think we also need to amend the amount of time a constituent has to speak to the board and encourage constituents to come speak. Doing events where the Disability Advisory Board volunteers together maybe in the ARO program to interact with constituents.
- (3) Making sure that once issues come up to us we actually follow through and at least try to take action on these issues. Please specify any activities which might create a serious conflict of interest if you should be appointed to this board or commission:

I don't believe this is a conflict of interest, but like stated above, I currently serve as an Associate Senate for the Student Disability in the Legislative Branch of the Associated Students of Colorado State University.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (except for minor traffic offenses that resulted only in a fine)?

Yes No

If yes, please explain in detail. State the nature and approximate date of the conviction, the sentence imposed, whether the sentence has been completed, and any other information you consider to be relevant.

Upon application for and acceptance of appointment, board and commission members demonstrate their intention and ability to attend meetings. If appointed, frequent nonattendance may result in termination of the appointment. By signing and submitting my application to the City of Fort Collins, I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado:

# that I meet the eligibility requirements of the position sought and

# that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: AUM Japanes	Date:
Optional: How did you learn of a vacancy on this board or comm	
Newspaper Cable 14 City News Other (please specify) Via attending the DAB regularly and inquir	(Utility Bill Insert) Website ing to Jan Reece.