



# TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

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## Personal Information

**\* Full name**

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**\* Home address**

Hillsborough NC 27278-2606

**\* Primary phone**

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**\* Email**

**Employer**

Southern Environmental Law Center

**Job title**

Senior Attorney

**\* Birth date**

**\* Gender**

Female

**\* Preferred pronouns**

She/her/hers

**\* Hispanic, Latino or Spanish ancestry**

No

**\* Race**

White

**\* Have you attended Government 101 for community members?**

No

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## Board Selection

You must meet at least one of the eligibility criteria for each board you would be willing to serve on:

Board of Adjustment

- Live in town
- Live in the extraterritorial jurisdiction area

Historic District Commission

- Live in town
- Live in the extraterritorial jurisdiction area

Parks and Recreation Board

- Live in town

Planning Board

- Live in town
- Live in the extraterritorial jurisdiction area

Tourism Board

- Own or operate a restaurant in town
- Live, own property or be employed in town

Tourism Development Authority

- Be affiliated with a business collecting lodging tax

**\* First choice board**

## Second choice board

**\*\*SKIPPED\*\***

## Third choice board

**\*\*SKIPPED\*\***

## Short-Answer Questions

### \* Have you served or are you serving on a town board? Which ones and when?

Yes, I currently serve on the Tourism Board, and I served on the Historic District Commission from 2019-2022.

### \* Why do you want to serve on a town board? What would you specifically like to accomplish?

I want to serve on a Town board because Hillsborough is my home, and I care deeply about its future. This is where I am raising my children, investing my time and energy, and where I plan to live for the long term. As the Triangle region experiences rapid growth, Hillsborough sits at a critical moment—small in scale, rich in history, and increasingly shaped by pressures spilling outward from Wake and Durham counties. I am proud that Hillsborough has already taken a thoughtful, proactive approach to growth, and I want to help ensure that this momentum continues so growth strengthens, rather than erodes, what makes the town special. Professionally, my career has focused on helping communities navigate exactly these kinds of transitions—embracing growth while protecting character, livability, and community values. Hillsborough is already doing much of this well, and serving on a Town board would allow me to contribute experience and perspective in support of the Town's existing vision, grounded in the values and realities of this community. Specifically, I hope to support policies and decisions that reinforce Hillsborough as a complete, walkable town—not a bedroom community. I care deeply about protecting our historic downtown, expanding safe options for walking, biking, and transit, increasing affordable housing, and ensuring development respects the town's small-town feel. My goal is to help Hillsborough continue to grow thoughtfully, in a way that remains true to its identity and works for the people who already call it home.

### \* Do you have relevant work, volunteer or educational experience for the boards you selected?

Yes. My professional background and local volunteer service closely align with the responsibilities of Hillsborough's advisory boards. I am a licensed North Carolina attorney with deep experience in land use, transportation, environmental protection, and local government process. In my current role, I advise communities across North Carolina—including in Chatham, Brunswick, and Stokes Counties—as they navigate growth, infrastructure investment, and community concerns. Earlier in my career, I worked inside local government at the New York City Housing Authority, the largest public housing agency in the country, where I advised staff and leadership on day-to-day operations, procurement, contracts, compliance, and litigation. I also worked at ChangeLab Solutions, advising local governments nationwide on drafting and implementing local ordinances related to housing, public health, and community development. Together, these roles gave me a strong appreciation for how policy choices play out in real communities and the importance of clear, practical decision-making. Locally, I previously served as a Commissioner on the Hillsborough Historic District Commission, where I participated in quasi-judicial hearings and helped guide a comprehensive rewrite of the district's design standards. I currently serve as Vice Chair of the Hillsborough Tourism Board and as Chair of the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, overseeing governance, budgeting, compliance, and public-facing programming. These experiences have given me hands-on experience with evidence-based decision-making, public process, balancing competing interests, and translating policy goals into practical outcomes. Equally important, they have reinforced the responsibility that comes with serving a small town—where decisions are personal, impacts are visible, and trust matters.

### \* How are you connected to Hillsborough?

Hillsborough is where my family and my life are rooted. After growing up in Wake Forest, attending UNC—Chapel Hill, and spending ten years living and working in New York City, my husband and I chose to settle in Hillsborough in 2018 to be close to our families and our jobs. We are now raising our children here, and I plan to stay in Hillsborough for the long term. Our daily lives revolve around the things that make Hillsborough special—walking, eating, and shopping downtown; visiting the farmers' market and library on Saturday mornings; spending time along the Riverwalk and in our many parks; attending community events; and enjoying the historic character that defines the town. Beyond personal ties, I am deeply connected through service. I have served on the Historic District Commission, currently serve on the Tourism Board, and chair the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough. Through this work, I've collaborated with Town staff, fellow volunteers, local businesses, and community members to support economic vitality, historic preservation, and more inclusive storytelling. Professionally, Hillsborough also informs my work. Advising fast-growing communities across North Carolina has sharpened my appreciation for Hillsborough's scale and character—and the importance of protecting them as regional growth accelerates. This town is not just where I live; it is a community I actively invest in and care about deeply.

### \* Have you reviewed town plans and other documents available on the town website?

Yes. I regularly review Town plans, ordinances, and supporting materials, both as a resident and through my volunteer service. Serving on Town boards has required me to engage closely with adopted plans, design standards, budget documents, and policy guidance to ensure decisions align with stated goals and legal requirements. As a resident, I have participated in public comment and surveys on the plans too. I am familiar with the Town's Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and Strategic Plan, and I appreciate how clearly they articulate Hillsborough's commitment to smart growth, environmental stewardship, connectivity, and preserving its small-town character. In particular, I value the Sustainability Plan's emphasis on focusing growth in appropriate areas, protecting natural resources like the Eno River and surrounding open space, and reinforcing a walkable, connected downtown. The Future Land Use framework reflects a thoughtful approach to accommodating growth while respecting existing neighborhoods and historic patterns. I also appreciate the Plan's strong focus on multimodal transportation, including improved pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and reduced reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, which aligns with how my family experiences and moves through Hillsborough day to day. Professionally, I am accustomed to working with comprehensive plans, land-use ordinances, transportation plans, and historic preservation standards across North Carolina. That experience informs how I read Hillsborough's materials—not just as standalone documents, but as interconnected tools meant to guide growth, protect resources, and reflect community values. I approach these documents as living frameworks that require ongoing attention and thoughtful implementation. Reviewing them carefully is essential to ensuring consistency, transparency, and public trust in Town decision-making.

### \* What challenges facing the town could be addressed by the board or boards on which you wish to serve?

Hillsborough's most pressing challenge is managing growth in a way that preserves its identity while welcoming new residents and investment. Regional development pressure is real, and without careful guidance, it can undermine affordability, strain infrastructure, and erode the walkable, historic character that defines the town. Boards can play a key role in shaping how growth happens—by implementing the commitments made in our plans, supporting multimodal transportation, protecting natural resources like the Eno River, and ensuring development contributes to a vibrant, mixed-use downtown rather than car-dependent sprawl. Maintaining Hillsborough as a place where people can live, work, and gather—not just commute from—is critical. Other challenges include sustaining economic vitality without over-commercialization, telling a fuller and more inclusive story of Hillsborough's history, and maintaining transparency and public confidence as decisions become more complex. Thoughtful, engaged boards help bridge policy, community values, and on-the-ground outcomes—exactly the work I am eager to continue doing for Hillsborough.

### \* How did you hear about this opportunity?

Town staff member or elected official

*I have been advised that I am committing to attend the appointed board's regular meetings. Attendance at the regular meetings is required for me to maintain membership*

*on the board. The Board of Commissioners may declare a vacancy on the board because of non-attendance.*

View the complete code in the Hillsborough Code of Ordinances: [Appointed Boards, Task Forces and Authorities](#).

**Confirm understanding of attendance policy**

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