



# TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

## Advisory Board Application

If you are a Town of Hillsborough resident and willing to volunteer your time and expertise to your community, please complete this form. Volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Board must be at least 13 years old, and volunteers for all other boards must be at least 18 years old.

**Name:**

Sherra Lawrence

**Home address:**

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**Place of employment:**

UNC Chapel Hill

**Job title:**

Research Practitioner

**Birth date:**

July 23, 1989

**Gender:**

Female

**Ethnic origin:**

Black

**Boards you would be willing to serve on:**

First choice — Planning Board

Second choice — Historic District Commission

Third choice — Parks and Recreation Board

**Reasons for wanting to serve:**

I am new to the area and would like to learn more about the town, meet my new neighbors and get involved in the governance. I also have a degree in urban and environmental planning and policy and Child Development and would love and opportunity to flex some of those muscles for the town where I live.

**Have you served or are you currently serving on a town board? If so, which ones and when?**

No

**Relevant work, volunteer or educational experience:**

I have a joint masters degree in urban and environmental policy and planning where I learned about how place and space impact communities and I have done work in community and family engagement for most of my career.

**How are you connected to Hillsborough (live, work, play, shop, own property)?**

I recently moved to the area and live here

**Have you reviewed the Vision 2030 plan, and what are your thoughts about it?**

I have watched a few public meeting where the plan was brought up and discussed and I think the priorities around affordable housing, maintaining green spaces and sustainability while also investing in business and economic development are all important priorities for Hillsborough especially with how rapidly the surrounding Triange and Triad areas are developing

**Have you reviewed other town documents (budget, strategy map, small area plans), and what are your thoughts about them?**

I reviewed a plan that was discussed in the parks and rec meeting about green spaces and priorities for making the town more walkable, I know traffic was identified as a concern of many in the town and I think there is a lot of opportunity to make the town more walkable and think about public transportation and bike paths

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

This area of North Carolina is rapidly growing and I think with that there will be challenges with ensuring the town is developing in a way that honors the history of the town while also taking into account the growing diversity of the population and the needs and preferences that come with more diverse perspectives. Finding a balance between economic development and environmental sustainability is also a challenge Hillsborough may face. I am interested in the Planning board and Park and Rec Board because I believe these are two board that will be very influential in determining a path for finding the balance between development and sustainability.

**How you heard about this opportunity:**

Internet

**Agreement:**

✓ I have been advised that I am committing to attend the volunteer board's regular meetings. Attendance at the regular meetings shall be considered a prerequisite for maintaining membership on the board. The Board of Commissioners may declare a vacancy on the board because of non-attendance.