

# 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:**

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**Place of employment:**

bigger tables consulting and piedmont community college/orange correctional center

**Job title:**

consultant, chef, instructor

**Birth date:**

June 5, 1965

**Gender:**

Female

**Ethnic origin:**

Caucasian

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

First choice — Tourism Development Authority

**Reasons for wanting to serve:**

I'm interested to participate in how our town is using the collected tax to bring more hospitality trade to Hillsborough.

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

Many years ago when I owned a restaurant downtown, served on the Tourism Board.

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

I've worked in the culinary and hospitality fields almost all my life, and several years ago added small business entrepreneurship consulting to that work. I enjoy the intersections of building connections between businesses and welcoming and feeding visitors!

Have served with local organizations working to improve our communities (OCIM, Local Re-Entry Council, Food Council Local Food Economy workgroup, etc.)

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

Have owned a home and lived here for over 20 years, raised two kids, owned four businesses (still have one). I live, work, play, learn, eat, do whatever I can in the town I love : )

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

I've read bits of it, but didn't make time for all of it before.

I trust and am grateful for the work of the people who've developed it.

Now that I'm throwing my name in this hat, I will sit down and review in detail to see what piece this board has in the overall picture.

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

Have read many over the years. It can be overwhelming, as a citizen (or even, I imagine, as a Town worker or board member) to stay on top of all! I'm super-grateful for the work the Town does to get this information out there to people in a timely and appealing fashion.

It's awesome to have access to so much material for planning purposes.

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

Hillsborough is facing challenges of growing wisely while maintaining its unique, important, lovely character and vibrant, connected community. If there are tensions or challenges in the community, I see them all going back to that, which is at its root, an abundance of blessings.

The town and surrounding area have so many gifts of resources, including people, that the work seems to be how best to use these for the good of all.

I'm encouraged by the great work of employees and volunteers in many inter-related areas, and will enjoy an opportunity to work on one tiny piece of the picture.

**How you heard about this opportunity:**

Other

**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.