



# 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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**Birth date:**

Feb. 26, 1967

**Gender:**

Female

**Ethnic origin:**

Black

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

First choice — Board of Adjustment

Second choice — Planning Board

Third choice — Tourism Board

**Reasons for wanting to serve:**

I have lived in this community for over 25 years. In that time there have been physical and mindset changes in the community. The town is also growing exponentially and attracting diversity. I think it is my civic duty to actively participate in the decisions for change and development in my community.

**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 never been a board member, but I have a few years of experience as an administrator for several boards.

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

I live and own property in Hillsborough.

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

Yes, I think the plan is very comprehensive and forward facing while being careful to preserve the town's historic characteristics. I also like the plan's progressive tone.

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

Yes, I'm encouraged by the initiatives in the plan. The 3FY-year forecasting strategy the town uses which allows time enough to pivot is inspired. I'm excited about the addition of a rail-station, the expansion of part of Churton St to ease the traffic has become an issue in the last few years and other diversity initiatives. I especially appreciate the focus on affordable housing in light of the rising cost of living and the high price of properties for potential home buyers.

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

I have looked at upcoming approved projects which will especially address the fast growing population of the town, but the pace of business growth does not seem in line with the demands of the projected population growth. Strategies to attract more industry and diverse businesses is much needed. More businesses will result in an increase in local employment and added tax revenue. The town should aim to build more opportunities for money to circulate more often in our community than without.

**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.