



## ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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### Advisory Boards & Commissions

*Please indicate all that apply.*

- ☒ Planning Commission ☐ Economic Development Authority
- ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### Briefly describe your employment experience.

I began my career working as an urban planning intern for the City of Alexandria, MN where I assisted primarily with active living initiatives including Safe RoutesTo School grants, reviewing and making modifications to the city's comprehensive plan, and planning out enhancements to their bike trail system.

I worked for 5 years as a planning analyst for Hennepin County's Human Services and Public Health department, responsible for delivering on business analysis, process improvement, project management, and data analysis work based on client needs. I also worked for 1 year as a consultant for Ramsey County, working in a similar role.

I worked for 4 years for a technology start up, "Persuade", as a systems analyst and data engineer being a key member of a small team that grew one of our main accounts from \$1.3 million to \$6 million, annually, over a 3 year period.

I now work for the University of Minnesota's Office of Information Technology.

#### Please list any education or training you believe is relevant to the position(s) for which you are applying.

I consider myself a lifelong learner.

I have a dual degree from the University of Minnesota. I have a B.S in Urban Studies, with a focus in Urban Planning, as well as a B.S. in Human Resources Development. While conducting my Undergrad I also did a study abroad in Copenhagen, focusing on sustainable development. I also earned a minor in the U's Leadership program.

I, more recently, have obtained an M.S. in Information Systems Management from Metropolitan State University and obtained a Data Analytics and Visualization certificate from the University of Minnesota's continuing education program.

**Briefly describe any volunteer experience.**

While not strictly volunteer, I have worked on the side in various teaching roles. I taught social skills to children with autism and similar learning disorders through my high school and college years. I worked as a teaching assistant for the University of Minnesota's Leadership Minor. Finally I worked as a teaching assistant for the Data Analytics and Visualization bootcamp offered through the U of M.

In my college and high school years I also built some houses in Mexico and worked at Feed My Starving Children, but only a handful of times.

**Please list any professional, trade, business or civic activities, and offices held.**

As previously noted, I have made my career in the public sphere. However, this would be my first publicly held appointment (unless you count being voted as representative of my floor in my dorm hall in college which did, believe it or not, have a governing body consisting of each floor's representative).

**What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the board(s) you are interested in serving?**

We chose to move to Maple Plain because of the small town feel combined with the wonderful proximity to the Baker Regional Park and Luce Line trail. As is laid out in the Comprehensive Plan and Walking and Biking Plan, I believe the city would benefit greatly from infrastructure improvements focused on promoting active living and connectivity. That said, I know we are a small city and that improvements need to be made strategically to ensure development that is sustainable from a financial and long term maintenance perspective, while also not taking away from the natural beauty that surrounds us. This is the mindset I'm entering in with, but I'm also excited to learn from city staff and the existing commissioners about the opportunities and challenges that face Maple Plain.

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS**

A conflict of interest may exist when a board or commission member is required to take an action or make a recommendation that would affect the member's financial interest or that of an associated business or relative. Conflicts of interest may also result from impacts of a proposed project. If you are appointed and become aware, or are currently aware, of such conflicts you should promptly disclose them to the City Administrator.

Do you acknowledge the potential for conflicts and notification requirement in the event of a conflict?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Applicant Signature: Nicholas Allen Buller

Date: 07/08/2025

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY NOTICE**

The City of Maple Plain does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to or access, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs and activities. Upon request, accommodations will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in all City of Maple Plain services, programs and activities.

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**DATA PRACTICES ADVISORY**

Your name, address, current employment position, previous work history, education and training are public data under the Minnesota Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. Sect. 13.43, subd. 2 & 3) and must be provided to anyone who requests it. Other information is considered private; however, all information in this application will be provided to the City Council in a public forum which is open for public review. It will therefore be part of the public record. Although you are not legally required to provide any of the information requested in this application, the information is needed to determine your suitability for appointment to a board or commission, and failure to provide it may result in you not being considered for a position.

Return application to: Maple Plain City Hall, 5050 Independence Street, P.O. Box 97, Maple Plain, MN 55359.  
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