

Arts & Science Council FY24 Advisory Council Application

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Q1

Advisory Council (check one):

South & East (Residents of Matthews, Mint Hill, Pineville, Mecklenburg Districts 5 & 6, Charlotte Districts 6 & 7, Board of Education Districts 5 & 6)

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First Name

Denise

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Last Name

Torrance

Q4

Daytime phone

[REDACTED]

Q5

Home Street Address

[REDACTED] Mallard Drive

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City

Pineville

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State

NC

Q8

Zip Code

28134

Q9

Email

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX@icloud.com~~

Q10

Who are you interested in representing? Please select all that apply.

My Town (Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, or Pineville)

Q11

I understand that the responsibilities of being an ASC Advisory Council member include regular attendance of three to four meetings annually, actively participating in those meetings, and responding to communications from ASC throughout my term. If my appointing governing body has additional attendance standards+, I will meet them. I recognize that the appointment is for 2 years ending June 30, 2025, and am willing to serve.+For example, Mecklenburg County requires that appointees attend a minimum of 65% of Advisory Council meetings.

Yes

Q12

I understand that ASC Advisory Council members are expected to actively advocate for the cultural sector, to serve as ambassadors connecting the community with ASC, and to maintain a strong standard of participation and collaboration both in and out of Council meetings.

Yes

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Q13

Describe previous or current board, community or volunteer involvement, including service on other arts, science, history or heritage organization boards:

In 1988, I co-founded (with Lee Baumgarten) Gallery 237, an eclectic exhibition space which represented over 100 local / regional artists in the heart of downtown Pineville (1988-2003); I was one of the founding members, as well as a Board Member and Fine Arts instructor of the Civic & Cultural Arts Center of Pineville (CCAC), a non-profit, volunteer-run organization to support contemporary, working artists for 8 years; artist and co-coordinator of the community-based 9/11 Fireman's Painting currently held by Pineville Volunteer Fire Department; WAMY Festival, Pineville Park, Project Leader and volunteer coordinator of festival events and activities; First Night Charlotte; on-site Artist Volunteer "Wire Man" live sculpture installation; Democratic National Convention - Legacy Village, Charlotte, NC, Artist, community interactive live on-site painting; served on the Arts & Science Council-Talent and Speakers Bureau for one term (2013); Hello Huntersville Festival (2012-2019) artist and co-coordinator for on-site community art projects; MORA Art at the Point, Disk Sculpture, volunteer coordinator for community titles; served on ASC panel for Community Supported Artist selection;

Q14

Please describe why you would make a strong contribution to the work of this Advisory Council. What motivates you to serve the cultural community?

I have been deeply invested in the arts community since 1988 and have witnessed and been fortunate to partake in numerous cultural festivals, service to non-profit boards, grant recipient, business owner, community outreach coordinator, exhibit coordinator. I have extensive experience working with schools, students of all ages, educators, business owners and the community. I would bring my many years of experience as well as my education in the arts to this Council. I am motivated by my family's business purpose which is to "utilize the visual arts as our platform, to amplify the necessary dialogue, encourage connection, and effect change. We pride ourselves in beautifying neighborhoods and public parks with vibrant colors and providing sanctuaries that promote multidimensional safety for all". I see art as a catalyst for change. I want to be a part of something bigger which unites communicates together and highlights our likenesses.

Q15

White or Caucasian

Please indicate your race and/or ethnicity (select all that apply).

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55-64

Please indicate your age.

Q17

Female

Please indicate your gender (select all that apply).

Q18

How would you describe your gender identity?

Cisgender (A person who identifies with the sex that they were assigned at birth. For example, a cisgender woman is someone who was declared to be female at birth and still identifies with that label. [GSAFE])

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Q19

Person without a disability

Which of the following describes your disability status?
(Disability is a term used to define factors that limit significant life activities or experiences considered to be typical among individuals who do not experience a disability. Such restrictions may be physical or mental and may be permanent or temporary. [ASC])

Q20

No

Are you a veteran? By statute, a veteran is defined as a "person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable."

Q21

Respondent skipped this question

Are you a member of any of the following groups?