

Application Form

Profile

Prefix Valerie First Name C Middle Initial Washington Last Name Suffix

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Harrisonburg City VA State 22802 Postal Code

How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

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Home: (434) 326-7468 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Piedmont Virginia Community College TJACE Employer Online Adult Education Coordinator Job Title

Demographics - *(Submission of this information if voluntary and will not subject you to any adverse treatment should you chose to not complete)*

Ethnicity

African American

Gender

Female

What is your age?

18-30 years old

Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? *

No

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission (PC): Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Valerie C Washington

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

As a new resident of Harrisonburg, I would love to do my civic duty and contribute to the community by serving Harrisonburg by joining a board or commission. I have a passion for community engagement and would love to be someone who can help bring more participation from the community. I am also eager to use my previous experience and education in planning and economic development to assist with making decisions while also eager to learn from the community and other board members.

What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?

As a parent to a pre-teen, I find it dangerous for him to venture out of our subdivision due to the lack of sidewalks. I also have a passion for affordable housing, sustainable and green development, DEI work, recycling, and regional transportation.

What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

I have adequate technical knowledge to fully participate in environmental and planning conversations through my Masters studies at VCU. I have served on the steering committee for the update of Charlottesville's Comprehensive Plan. I am familiar with Robert's Rule of Order.

Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Boards and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:

Held Voter Registration Drives, Center of Nonprofit Excellence Board Member, member of Charlottesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Member of CLIHC (Charlottesville Low Income Housing Coalition), Vinegar Hill Toastmaster PHAR internship program, Cville Plans Together Steering Committee, Charlottesville Vibrant Community Fund grant reviewer, volunteer grant writer.

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Upload a Resume

EPSAC Applicants only

Question applies to Environmental Performance Standards Committee (EPSAC)

City Council is seeking EPSAC members to represent broad stakeholder interests within the city. If you will be participating on the EPSAC as a representative of a business, group, or organization, please provide the name of the business, group, or organization and indicate what stakeholder category the group represents. If more than one, please list all. A. Residents, civic leagues, homeowners associations. B. Institutional and tax exempt entities including colleges and churches. C. Business community including residential, commercial and industrial property owners, malls, and business groups. D. Professional engineers, real estate developers, and construction contractors. E. Special interest groups that represent economic development, environmental or outdoor recreation. F. Others, education professionals from the local schools and city staff: PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FROM THE DROP DOWN BOX *

A: Resident, civic leagues, homeowners associations\,

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Name of business, group or organization you would represent?

Resident

Valerie C Washington

Valerie Cheyenne Washington
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Charlottesville, VA 22901

Education

Virginia Commonwealth University *Richmond, Va*
Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning

Anticipated Graduation Date: May, 2023

Christopher Newport University *Newport News, Va*
Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a minor in Spanish

Graduation: May 9, 2015

Job Experience

Adult Learning Center, Core Skills Educator *Charlottesville, Va*

September 2018-Current

- Teach Social Studies, Science and Language Arts in a classroom setting to adults pursuing their GED
- Proctor GED practice tests and register students for the Official GED tests
- Write grants and implement grant funded programs
- Collect and present data on student success outcomes through reports and powerpoint presentations
- Set up tours of colleges, technical schools and potential employers that may be of interest to the students
- Work closely with other educators to ensure the best, most efficient routes for the students

The Haven, Rapid Rehousing Case Manager *Charlottesville, Va*

July 2019-July 2021

- Work with the housing team to enroll chronically homeless community members into the Rapid Rehousing program where they will become housed and given a case manager to assist with housing stabilization over a 2 year period
- Meet with 25+ clients on a frequent basis
- Act as a liaison between clients in their landlords in order to help foster a healthy tenant-landlord relationship
- Keep detailed record of every client interaction through the HMIS database and case files
- Collaborate with other organizations in Charlottesville's interim of care in order to make homelessness for an individual brief and non recurring
- Educate clients and community members on the Housing First philosophy

New Hill Development Corporation, Community Engagement *Charlottesville, Va* March 2019- October 2019

- Collaborated with NHDC, Floricane, LISC and other organizations to create a Community Vision and Small Area Plan for the Starr Hill neighborhood, a historically African American neighborhood, in Charlottesville, Virginia
- Led a small team of 4 community members in collecting data from the residents and business owners living in the Starr Hill neighborhood through face to face interviews
- Facilitated meetings with local nonprofits, community members, government officials and small business owners to assess the needs and the gaps in the local African American communities in Charlottesville
- Compiled all data from interviews, meetings and labor studies and organized data in order for the team to create the Community Vision and Small Area Plan

Virginia Organizing, Community Organizer

Charlottesville, Va

April 2017- August 2019

- Work with other local and regional non-partisan organizations to create legislation change that helps marginalized communities locally and regionally
- Organize safe spaces for Charlottesville residents to discuss local issues and strategize improvement efforts
- Attend monthly chapter meetings, budgetary meetings, and quarterly conferences to assess effectiveness and plan projects
- Register voters in the local communities with emphasis on restoring voting rights to returning citizens
- Host fundraisers, and call donors to sustain funding of our organizers in our communities

Blue Ridge ESOP Associates, Associate *Charlottesville, Va*

October 2017- November 2018

- Took 20+ calls a day from businesses and ESOP participants inquiring about ESOP balances, eligibility, taxes and special requests
- Maintained up to date ESOP information for 15+ different sized businesses nationwide
- Updated quarterly and yearly financial and tax records for ESOP clients
- Organized client data using Microsoft excel

Bank of America, Relationship Banker *Charlottesville, Va*

July 2015- April 2017

- Met and exceeded sales goals through selling and teaching prospective clients about Bank of America products and services that will best fit their everyday and long term needs while being in compliance with bank and federal regulations

- Educated clients and team members about convenient banking options and corporate updates in order to minimize wait times and enhance customer experiences through presentations and webinars
- Managed client relationships through setting appointments with specialists and scheduling follow up phone calls to ensure customer satisfaction
- Ensured bank operational excellence by running cash transactions while minimizing risk, maximizing bank profit and balancing a cash box, preparing cash shipment to and from the federal reserve, assisted with opening and closing bank procedures

Natasha House, Project Manager *Yorktown, Va*

August 2013-June 2015

- Assisted homeless women with children obtain employment and affordable housing through posting job boards, attending meetings with social services, hosting mock interviews and financial literacy classes
- Promoted self-sufficiency and sustainability through maintenance of community garden, and capacity building activities.
- Oversaw daily office activities and conduct client interviews
- Hosted fundraisers at local businesses in order to raise funds and awareness of the Natasha House and it's mission

Adult Learning Center, Volunteer Tutor *Charlottesville, Va*

July 2011- May 2012

- Taught ESL to adult students from diverse backgrounds in a classroom setting
- Aided students to better understand American culture, Charlottesville City Schools and public transportation
- Taught basic English, math, science and reading skills to adult students wanting to obtain their GED
- Administered and registered students for practice GED tests
- Reviewed resumes and helped students find employment within the City of Charlottesville

Commonwealth Catholic Charities, Career Coach *Newport News, Va*

August 2011- August 2012

- Taught refugees English through classroom and onsite experiences
- Hosted computer lab hours to help students with English speaking software, build resumes and research news articles and American culture
- Built relationships with local businesses in order to find sponsorships and employment opportunities for clients
- Found and prepared housing in the Hampton Roads area for newly arrived families with the help of donations and volunteer movers

Awards and Honorable Mentions

NACCED Scholarship Recipient Fall 2020, Presenter at VAAGE Virginia State Conference 2020, Presenter at APA National Conference 2021, Co Facilitator of a Talk with Matthew Desmond presenter by LAJC and UVA 2021, Co Facilitator of Commonwealth Attorney Candidate Forum May 2021, Wilder School Black History in the Making Award Recipient 2021

Memberships

Center of Nonprofit Excellence Board Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Technology Chair, Member of CLIHC (Charlottesville Low Income Housing Coalition), Vinegar Hill Toastmaster, Cville Plans Together Steering Committee

Other Job Experience and Qualifications

Expert in Microsoft Office and Quickbooks, Business proficient in Python and SQL databases, HMIS, GIS, Spanish literate, Program Planning, Volunteering and Fundraising, Cold Calling, Live Database Maintenance, Voter Registration, Public Speaking, Grant Writing, Volunteer Management, Tutoring, Nonprofit Governance