

Boards & Commissions Application

THE CITY OF
HARRISONBURG
VIRGINIA



I am interested in serving on the following boards/commissions. (Please indicate the order of preference).

1. Blue Ridge Community College Board of Trustees

As an applicant/member of a Council-appointed Board or Commission, your name, address, and phone number will be available to the press and public. Information will be kept on file for three years. Public discussion of information contained herein may occur in the meeting at which appointments are considered by the City Council.

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.

(Please type or print clearly)

Name: Hernandez Sandra I. Date: 4/13/2021
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 276 Franklin St. Harrisonburg 22801 Own/Rent? Rent.

Phone Number: (540) 209-2718 Alternate Phone: —

Occupation: Air BnB Property Manager Employer/Organization: Self / Smooth Day Spa
Spa Apprentice

E-mail: sandy.hernandez09@gmail.com Harrisonburg resident for 4 years.

Were you referred by anyone: Yes No Name of Referring Party: Dr. John Downey

How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission? Cable Website Council Meeting

*Dr. Downey reached out to me & I thought it would be a good way to serve the community. Other: *

Why do you wish to serve on a board or commission?

I care a lot about education & making secondary education accessible to all members of our community. I believe BRCC has wonderful programs that can help get people into the career of their dreams. I would like to help BRCC in their growth by serving on the Board of Trustees. I also would like to bring representation of a part of the BRCC student body that is not highly represented on the Board, which is the Latinx community.

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

I am part of the Harrisonburg Latinx community and less than 10 yrs ago I was a student. I think both of those things help give me a unique perspective that would be an asset to the BRCC board. I have also served on previous Boards, Committees and Consortia that have given me previous experience that would help BRCC, such as fundraising, event organizing, strategic planning, and networking.

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

Education and representation are two things I care deeply about. I truly support the variety of efforts to make higher education more accessible than it's ever been. Of course, providing an institution of higher learning is not the only way to help with education, kids/youth also need a roof over their head, food on the table, and certain resources in order to succeed. I care about making my community one that sets up each child for success in it's public school system so that they easily can see themselves going to Blue Ridge CC and other higher ed. institutions.

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

- Citizen's academy graduate, 2017
- Leadership Academy Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce, 2018
- Leadership Cohort United Way of Harrisonburg/Rockingham Co., 2019
- Harrisonburg Strategic Plan Citizen's Committee, 2017
- New Bridges Immigrant Resource Center, Board of Directors, 2017 - present.
 - Development Committee Chair, 2020 - present.
- United Way of Harrisonburg & Rockingham County "Young Changemaker of the Year" Award recipient, 2021
- Social Media Campaign Manager, Sal Romero for City Council, 2018

-Please return completed application to the City Manager's Office-

Applicants are encouraged to attach a resume or other supporting information that may be helpful to Council in considering their application.

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