

## Application Form

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### Profile

Dr. Ferwerdin S Barzanji  
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix

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Email Address

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Home Address

Harrisonburg VA 22801  
City State Postal Code

### How many years have you been a resident of Harrisonburg?

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Home: (571) 598-8056  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

HCPS Family-Schol Liaison  
Employer Job Title

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

### Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

### Gender

Female

### What is your age?

50+ years old

### Are you reapplying for a current position you hold? \*

No

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### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Environmental Performance Standards Committee (EPSAC): Submitted

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### Interests & Experiences

Dr. Ferwerdin S Barzanji

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

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

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Participating in local government is a way to contribute to my community and help ensure that its needs and interests are represented and addressed as well as helping the board become a reflection of the city. Boards and commissions provide opportunities to collaborate with other community members and decision makers to help shape the direction and policies of the city. By serving on a board or commission, I am able to use my skills and knowledge to make a positive impact in the place I call home.

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

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A particular concern that I have been looking over is the growth and overpopulation the city is going through. I would like to be able confront this issue and address ways we can help minimize the risks that come along with the increasing growth of our city.

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

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In my home state of Kurdistan I was in the board of ministry for chemical and biological control. I would oversee the prevention of chemical and biological pollution, misuse of chemicals, and biohazards. I believe this experience has at least given me the opportunity to know how a delegated system works as well as the small moving parts that are in motion for a city to run.

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

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Citizen Academy Refugee leaders Welcoming Harrisonburg Council HCPS District Family School Liaison Harrisonburg Rockingham Social Service- Interpreter for Kurdish and Arabic Child Protective Services- Interpreter for Kurdish and Arabic Church World Service- Interpreter for Kurdish and Arabic Free Clinic- Phlebotomist (3 Years) Arboretum- Volunteer (4 years)

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Upload a Resume

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### 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 \***

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Question applies to Environmental Performance Standards Committee (EPSAC)

**Name of business, group or organization you would represent?**

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N/A

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**Bike/Pedestrian Subcommittee Applicants only**

## **FERWERDIN AL BARZANJI, PHD**

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Biochemical lab technologist since 1988 and teaching biochemistry and clinical biochemistry at the university level for the past 22 years. Supervised large numbers of students, projects and exams.

### **EDUCATION**

- PhD, Clinical Biochemist - College of Medicine, Duhok University; Duhok Iraq** May 2008
- Thesis Title: Some Enzymatic and Non-enzymatic Changes in Ischemic Heart Disease among Patients in Duhok Governorate.
  - Relevant Coursework: Advanced Biochemistry; Clinical Biochemistry; Micro Biology; Hematology; Drug Monitoring; Bio Statistics..
- MSc, Clinical Biochemistry - College of Medicine; University of Baghdad, Baghdad, Iraq** Apr 1993
- Dissertation Title: Some Biochemical parameters of Human Seminal Plasma in Relation to Sperm count.
  - Relevant Coursework: Organic Chemistry; Biochemical Disorder; Biochemistry; Advanced Biochemistry; Lab Techniques; Microbial Physiology; Bio Statistics; Human Physiology.
- BSc, Chemistry, College of Science - University of Mousel** Jul 1987
- 4 years of coursework, projects and lab techniques, 480 credit hrs..
  - Relevant courses taken: Analytical Chemistry; Inorganic Chemistry; Organic Chemistry; Physical Chemistry; Bio Chemistry; Quantum Chemistry.

### **EXPERIENCE**

- Harrisonburg City Public Schools, District Family School Liaison, Harrisonburg, VA** Aug 2021-present  
*Overseeing and regulating policies in family and community engagement of the Kurdish community with Harrisonburg City Public Schools*
- Translating important documents from English to Kurdish and vice versa between Families and the schools in Harrisonburg.
  - Monitoring students' academic performances and ensuring the awareness of parents regarding their children's behaviors.
- Community Health Interpreter Service (CHIS) AHEC JMU, Harrisonburg, VA** Sep 2017- present  
*Minimizing cultural and linguistic barriers that compromises the quality of care received in hospitals by interpreting for non-English speakers is the goal of CHIS*
- Interpretation for Arabic speakers
  - Interpretation for Kurdish (Kurmanji) and (Sorani) dialects speakers
- Shelan Private Hospital/Central Lab, Dohuk, Iraqi Kurdistan Region.** Jul 2006- Jul 2016  
*A highly equipped laboratory inside Shelan Private Hospital in the city of Dohuk. The lab provides different clinical tests, hormones and serological tests.*
- Performed tests referred by private clinics inside the hospital as well as from outside the hospital
  - Provided biochemical tests of human blood and supervised the maintenance of the lab.
  - Worked with 3 partners to run the day to day operations and managed/trained 5 technicians.
- Ferwerdin Clinical Lab, Sulaimani, Kurdistan Region** April 1994- April 1998  
*Founder of the private laboratory for clinical analysis based in the city of Sulaimani.*
- Performed tests referred by private clinics specially biochemical analysis of human blood.
  - Supervised the administrative and financial day to day operations and managed 3 technicians.

### **CERTIFICATES**

- Community Health Interpreter Service (CHIS), certificate by the Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services, JMU, AHEC, 2017
- Phlebotomy at BRCC March 2017
- CPR February 2017
- PBT License (ASCP) CM
- Licensure soe-0614567, Department of Teacher Education and Licensure, Jan 2019
- Citizen Academy, Harrisonburg VA Dec 2021

### **KEY COMPETENCIES**

- Medical interpreter for Arabic and Kurdish language
- Professional experience in managing clinical labs and technicians
- Highly experienced in teaching wide range of courses in biochemistry and lab technique.
- In-depth knowledge of developing degree programs in biochemistry.

- Very well experienced in teaching methods and students' affairs.
- Language skills: English, Kurdish and Arabic.

**VOLUNTARY WORK**

- Phlebotomist at Harrisonburg Free Clinic
- Volunteer at Edith J.Carrier Arboretum
- Proofreader for ARO scientific Journal
- Board Member of Hazardous waste

*May 2018 - present*  
*Oct. 2016 - present*  
*2014- present*  
*2011- 2015*