

Application Form

Profile

Laura _____ Buhl _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

 Email Address

 Home Address

 City

 Suite or Apt

 State

 Postal Code

What Ward do you live in? Use the following link to determine your Ward if you do not know: (<https://www.cityofsalem.net/government/city-council-mayor/about-city-council/find-a-ward-map>) *

Ward 1 - Downtown (north of State St.) and Northwest Salem

I live: *

In a single-family house

I work for: *

A large company (51 or more employees)

A nonprofit

I am: *

Work full-time

 Primary Phone

 Alternate Phone

State of Oregon
 Employer

Community Green
 Infrastructure Program
 Administrator
 Job Title

land use planner / grant
 manager
 Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizens Advisory Traffic Commission: Submitted

Which of the following City of Salem Board or Commission meetings have you attended? *

Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Salem Planning Commission

Salem Urban Development, Community Services and Housing Commission

Interests & Experiences

What do you feel you can contribute as a board or commission member?

The most important contribution I can make as a member of the Citizens Advisory Traffic Commission (CATC) is my commitment to making Salem a safer and more pleasant city to live in. I have experience serving a numerous boards, such as my neighborhood association board (NEN), the American Association of University Women (Salem Branch), and Oregon Community Trees, so I am familiar with group discussions, working through disagreements, and voting on issues. Through my work as a land use planner I am experienced with reading and analyzing technical documents and issues. This experience will be valuable on CATC.

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What prompted your interest in applying to serve as a board or commission member?

I experience Salem as a pedestrian, cyclist, bus rider, and driver. I believe that experience, combined with my professional background in urban planning, can help me contribute to improving transportation for all modes in Salem. Every day I see improvements that can be made to Salem's transportation system. This is what has inspired me to apply to being on the CATC.

Please explain how your education, professional, personal, lived, or volunteer experience and knowledge qualify you to serve on the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying.

I am well qualified to be a valuable member of the CATC through my education, professional and lived experience. I have master's degree in community and regional planning, including coursework in transportation planning. I worked as a land use and transportation planner for over a decade with Oregon's Transportation and Growth Management Program, where I helped cities become more safe and friendly for all modes of transportation. As someone whose primary mode of transportation is walking, I am very attuned to the needs of pedestrians in Salem. This is an important perspective to have on the CATC.

List any experience you have with volunteering for the City of Salem, your neighborhood association, or other public bodies organizations.

I served on the board of my neighborhood association (NEN) for many years, including as land use chair. I am currently on the board of Oregon Community Trees, which is the advisory board to the Oregon Department of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry Program.

In the last five years, I have: *

None of these

What language(s) do you speak?

Spanish (fluent), Dutch (B1)

Can you commit to attending a minimum of 75 percent of scheduled meetings? (Please refer to the City's website for the meeting schedule. Failure to meet the attendance requirement may result in removal from office.)

Yes No

Please list up to three (3) references whom we could contact to learn more about your qualifications (name/email address or phone number/relationship).

Evan Manvel, evanmanvel@gmail.com, former co-worker Bill Holmstrom, bill.holmstrom@dlcd.oregon.gov, current co-worker

Question applies to Citizens Advisory Traffic Commission

Briefly describe your experience in transportation planning or traffic engineering.

I have master's degree in community and regional planning, which included coursework in transportation planning. I worked as a land use and transportation planner for over a decade with Oregon's Transportation and Growth Management Program, where I helped cities become more safe and friendly for all modes of transportation. I have analyzed, edited, and written city ordinances related to multi-modal transportation. Through my work, I am experienced in making recommendations to city councils on how to improve transportation for all people and modes of travel.

Demographics

The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

Gender

Question

Age: *

45-54

Disability Status: Do you identify as a person with a disability? *

No

If comfortable, please specify disability:
