

## Application Form

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### Profile

Patricia

First Name

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Middle Initial

Mulvihill

Last Name

  
Email Address

  
Home Address

  
Suite or Apt

Salem

City

OR


State

97301

Postal Code

### What Ward do you live in? \*

☒ Ward 1

  
Primary Phone

  
Alternate Phone

League of Oregon Cities

Employer

General Counsel

Job Title

Attorney

Occupation

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

Historic Landmarks Commission: Submitted

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

☒ None

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### Interests & Experiences

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

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I worked for a city for 13 years, and while my work at the League has me in regular contact with cities and traveling to cities, I don't do any direct work for cities, and I miss that contribution. I want to be part of my new home (we moved to Salem a little less than 2 years ago), and I want to contribute to my community, I think serving on this Board will allow me accomplish this goal - while hopefully bringing a unique voice and perspective to the commission.

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

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I want to participate in my government and my community and I think my past experiences suits a position on this commission.

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

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While there are certainly differences between Oregon and Indiana in terms of state and local laws surrounding historic preservation, the key concepts are consistent. In my time as a staff attorney for a historic preservation commission I came to appreciate the value of preserving historic spaces and places, while recognizing the importance of allowing growth and the modernization of a city. My former historic preservation specialist taught me about the reasons for preservation, how to identify critical strategies for protection, and would classify as a practical preservationist.

## List any experience you have with volunteering for the City of Salem or other organizations.

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None thus far. We moved to Salem a little less than 2 years ago, and moved to downtown Salem last summer. I finally feel like I've comfortable in my community and now it's time to contribute to the community.

## Briefly explain any experience you have working with your neighborhood association or other public bodies or committees.

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As a former city attorney responsible for staffing the historic preservation commission, housing & neighborhood development department, planning department and police department I have probably attended over 100 neighborhood association meetings, actively presented at several hundred city council meetings, and attended more commission and board meetings than I can count.

**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.)**

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☒ 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).**

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Dan Atchison, Salem City Attorney, [REDACTED] - Dan is a professional colleague.  
Bethany Emenhiser, Historic Tax Credit Specialist, Kansas Historical Society, [REDACTED]  
- Bethany and I have staffed the same historic preservation commission in the past. Lisa Abbott, Executive Director, Monroe County Board of Directors, a [REDACTED] - Lisa was the supervisor for the historic preservation commission I staffed.

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

**Please list the colleges/universities attended, including degrees earned, areas of study, and dates completed.**

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Indiana University (Bloomington campus), BA with majors in Political Science & Criminal Justice. Graduated December 2000. Indiana University (Bloomington campus), JD. Graduated May 2004.

Question applies to Historic Landmarks Commission

**Please describe any work or volunteer experience involving local history and/or historic preservation activities such as publications, committee work, etc.**

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I was an in-house city attorney for Bloomington, Indiana for approximately 12+ years. During my last five years with the city (2009-2016) I was the attorney assigned to staff the local historic preservation commission. The commission met twice a month, with meetings lasting between 2-4 hours. In my role as the staff attorney, I helped draft staff reports that went before the commission, I drafted legislation to designate historic structures and historic districts, I attended several training seminars to learn the nuts and bolts of historic preservation, and I acted as a mediator and at times moderator for the commission's meetings. I also regularly worked with developers and property owners to determine what steps they needed to take to come into compliance or have a permit approved.

**In your opinion, why is historic preservation important for the city of Salem?**

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Historic preservation gives Salem a sense of place. It identifies the past and how Salem has grown - while allowing the city to mature into a more dynamic environment. The beauty of the historic brick buildings, the architectural features of the downtown, and the preservation of some of the original neighborhood grid systems allows Salem to feel like a community and a home.

**Please indicate the area(s) in which you have work experience: \***

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☒ Historic preservation or historic preservation planning

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**Demographics**

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

**Ethnicity**

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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☒ Female