

## Application Form

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### Profile

Krista

First Name

Middle Initial

Aquinas-gallagher

Last Name

Email Address

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Salem

City

OR

State

97306

Postal Code

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

☒ Ward 4

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

LILA (Lane Independent Living  
Alliance) LIFE Program

Employer

Deaf Independent Living  
Specialist

Job Title

Vocational Rehabilitation  
Vendor

Occupation

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

Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory 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 feel as a Deaf person, I can contribute by sharing both my lived and professional experiences as a person with a Disability in the community. I also have training in activism work, specifically Disability Justice. I am a strong believer that we all must invest in our own communities, and that we all have unique strengths and skills to learn and share with each other.

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

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After moving here from Turkey, I wanted to find a way to become more involved in my own community. I have been involved in organizations in Portland, as well as volunteered my time at various organizations in Salem, however, I would like to invest more of a commitment to working together with others to improve Salem and effect changes that benefit the community as a whole.

## **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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I work as a vendor for Vocational Rehabilitation working with Deaf people (as well as those with additional disabilities) in helping them to gain employment, schooling, accommodations, and so on. I also am a board member of the Disability Justice Committee in Portland where we are working towards forming a state-wide coalition. I am knowledgeable with accommodation and equal access requirements according to the ADA. I also have worked with refugees both here and in Turkey, and am passionate about human rights and equality for every person.

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

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I have or continue to volunteer at places like Sparrow (ESL / ASL tutoring for Deaf refugees) , Habitat for Humanity, Willamette Humane Society, and various women / children shelters. I also am an active volunteer in Portland for disability rights issues.

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

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I am a relative newcomer to Salem, Oregon, relocating from Istanbul, Turkey. I am looking to become involved here in Salem and hope I will be able to contribute to this city by being a board member.

**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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Becky Emmert b[REDACTED] - Supervisor Myrlaviani Rivier [REDACTED] - Fellow Board Member. Disability Justice Committee Dr. Bob Nikkel [REDACTED] - Personal Friend. Retired AMHD Director

Question applies to Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission

**As part of its mission, the Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission strives to reach out to the Salem community. Please describe your affiliations within the community that may aid the Commission in this mission.**

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As a Deaf person, I am actively involved in the Deaf community, including in my professional life working with Deaf individuals seeking assistance in obtaining employment, schooling, access to accommodations, and life skills training. I am also involved in Disability Justice work, as well as various volunteer work in Salem.

Question applies to Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission

**The Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission includes one youth representative who shall not be younger than 15 years of age and not older than 21 years of age. Are you applying for this position?**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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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