

Application Form

Profile

Awais

First Name

Azhar

Middle Initial

Last Name

Preferred Name

Email Address

5200 N Lamar Blvd

Home Address

Apt. 1102

Suite or Apt

Austin

City

TX

State

78704

Postal Code

Residency and District Information

Are you a City of Austin Resident? *

☒ Yes

Are you, or your employer, a registered lobbyist with the City or have you, or your employer, been registered as a lobbyist with the City Clerk within the past three years?

No

Home: (412) 298-7063

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

(412) 298-7063

Cell Phone

Home Phone

Business Phone

Select Your District

☒ District 7

University of Texas at Austin

Employer

Graduate Research Assistant

Job Title

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve on a board or commission

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

I am deeply interested in issues related to the comprehensive plan, land development code and zoning in the City of Austin. I think serving on this commission allows me to serve my community in a meaningful way and continue to advocate for affordability.

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Resume

Qualifications

I am currently a Ph.D. student in the Community and Regional Planning program at the University of Texas at Austin. I previously completed my master's degree from the same program with a dual degree in public affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs. During my education, I have studied zoning and planning issues at the school and am well-versed in the basics of urban planning.

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

☒ Asian or Pacific islander

Gender

☒ Male

Sexual Orientation

☒ Gay or Lesbian

Date of Birth

Disability or Impairment Information

Do you have an auditory/hearing disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a visual disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a mobility disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have a cognitive disability or impairment?

☒ No

Do you have another disability or impairment you'd like to share?

Board Requirements

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Community Development Commission: Appointed

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer Quality of Life Advisory Commission: Appointed

Planning Commission: Submitted

Some boards have additional requirements for appointees. Additional requirements will appear below as they apply to each board.

Question applies to Community Development Commission

Please select the requirements you have met (Community Development Commission): *

None Selected

Question applies to Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer Quality of Life Advisory Commission

Please select the requirements you have met (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Quality of Life Advisory Commission): *

☒ Not Applicable or Other

Question applies to Planning Commission

Please select the requirements you have met (Planning Commission): *

☒ Not Applicable or Other

Question applies to Planning Commission

Are you actively developing or financing the development of property within the City of Austin's planning jurisdiction in a manner that requires changes to applicable regulations or entitlements, including zoning or rezoning, or which requires approval of a final subdivision plat?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

Are you a licensed attorney, architect or engineer practicing in a field related to real estate or land development?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

If you answered yes to the question above then please list all licenses you have.

None

Question applies to Planning Commission

Are you actively engaged in building land development projects in a capacity other than as an employee or independent contractor working solely in construction trades or work performed on a person's homestead?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

If you answered yes to the question above then please select all that apply. *

☒ Other - Please define

Question applies to Planning Commission

If you selected Other in previous question then please define below.

None

Question applies to Planning Commission

Do you derive substantial income from the sale of real estate within the City of Austin's planning jurisdiction (other than the sale of the primary homestead)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

Have you derived substantial income, defined as receiving funds during the previous 12 months or the previous calendar year equal to or exceeding \$5,000 in salary, bonuses, commissions or professional fees; and/or \$20,000 in payment for goods, products or nonprofessional services; and/or 10% of your gross income during that period, whichever is less, from a professional certification in Architecture, Construction, Design, Real Estate, or a related field?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Planning Commission

If you selected yes in the previous question then please list areas of certification.

None

Question applies to Planning Commission

Have you derived substantial income, defined as receiving funds during the previous 12 months or the previous calendar year equal to or exceeding \$5,000 in salary, bonuses, commissions or professional fees; and/or \$20,000 in payment for goods, products or nonprofessional services; and/or 10% of your gross income during that period, whichever is less, from ownership of real property (other than a primary homestead)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Community and Regional Planning, Expected 2022

School of Architecture

The University of Texas at Austin

Specialization: Housing and, Economic and Community Development

Master of Public Affairs, 2016

LBJ School of Public Affairs, GPA 3.8

The University of Texas at Austin

Professional Report: *Innovation and Affordability: Including Workforce Housing in the Austin Innovation Zone*

Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning, 2016

School of Architecture, GPA 3.8

The University of Texas at Austin

Portfolio Program: Nonprofit Studies

SKILL SUMMARY

- Research and Policy Analysis
- Advocacy and Legislative Affairs
- Memorandum and Report Writing
- Event Planning and Management
- Community Outreach and Public Speaking
- **Languages:** English, Urdu and Punjabi
- **Computer:** Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, and PowerPoint), ArcGIS, SPSS Statistics, Adobe Photoshop and InDesign, AutoCAD 2D and 3D, and SketchUp
- **GRE:** 170 Verbal, 153 Quantitative

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Sept. 2017 – Present

School of Architecture, The University of Texas at Austin

- Conducting research on innovative pedagogical approaches and developing program management systems.
- Assisting the Graduate Advisor in fulfilling advising responsibilities for the MSCRP program.

Program Manager

Sept. 2016 – Aug. 2017

HousingWorks Austin

- Conducted research regarding affordable housing and its intersection with health, education, transportation and economic opportunities in Austin.
- Managed communication and developed educational events for the Austin Community Investment Collaborative Program.

Research Intern

June 2015 – Sept. 2016

HousingWorks Austin

- Organized the Housing + Health Summit and developed the Housing + Health County Analyses for the summit.
- Conducted research for the Affording Housing and Jobs + Housing district analyses for the City of Austin Council Districts.

Legislative Aide

Jan. 2015 – June 2015

Office of Texas House Rep. Marisa Marquez, District 77

- Managed constituent correspondence and outreach, conducted bill and budget analyses and coordinated with committee staff.
- Researched and promoted legislation on the Colonia Self Help Center Program and the Texas SAFE Act on mortgage loans.

Policy Research Team Member

Aug. 2014 – May 2015

LBJ School of Public Affairs and Office of Sustainability, The University of Texas at Austin

- Wrote Anchor Institutions, Innovation and the City of Austin report as part of a team with Professor Sherri R. Greenberg.
- Collected data and identified best practices regarding the development of the Austin Innovation Zone.

Research Assistant, Urban Planning Sector

July 2012 – July 2013

Urban Sector Planning & Management Services Unit (Pvt.) Ltd. Planning & Development Dept., Government of Punjab, Pakistan

- Worked on the Lahore Integrated Master Plan 2035, Punjab Urban Land Use Rules 2009 and Murree Master Plan.
- Assisted in teaching the Urban Planning Course at the Civil Service Academy and Cantonment Institute of Land Management.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Secretary, Equality Texas Board

Vice-Chair, COA LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission

Vice-Chair, COA Joint Inclusion Committee

Commissioner, COA Community Development Commission

Executive Committee Member, Austin Housing Coalition

Member, Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society

Dean's Ambassador, UT School of Architecture

Recipient, Potter Rose Graduate Fellowship