

# Application for Service

## Profile

Victoria

First Name

Donaldson

Last Name

Middle Initial

227 Brazilian Ave

Home Address

4B

Suite or Apt

Palm Beach

City

FL

State

33480

Postal Code

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Email Address

Mobile: (914) 484-4546

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning and Zoning Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

**Appointment to the Architectural Commission (ARCOM), Landmarks Preservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Recreation Advisory Commission, & Underground Utilities Task Force (UUTF) requires the applicant to be a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach. Please attach a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Voter Registration card with your application. Failure to provide the required copy of the voter registration card shall be grounds for rejection of the application.**

Question applies to multiple boards

**I am a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach (Initial below)**

Yes

Question applies to multiple boards

[Verified - KMC 8/29/24](#)

Upload a Voter Registration Card in one of the accepted formats (Front)

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Upload a Voter Registration Card in one of the accepted formats (Back)

Retired Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation

**In what area of town do you live?**

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Midtown

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## Interests/Experience

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**Why are you interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission?**

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My family has lived in Palm Beach for 3 generations. I grew up watching our town "grow up" and, now, I would like to help preserve it for future generations. I have great respect for process and I feel our current Council is doing an astounding job. It would be an honor for me to contribute to the growth of our town.

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**How many meetings of the Planning and Zoning Committee have you attended in the last year?**

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**Are you willing and available to attend meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission as described below? Please select all that apply. \***

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- Meetings which last a full day (9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or even later)?
- Meetings on consecutive dates?
- Meetings which might be scheduled for multiple dates within the same month
- Meetings scheduled year-round

**Please indicate if there are any periods of time for which you will be unavailable for meetings.**

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I am a full time resident with no second home so my schedule is flexible

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**If you have served on any boards/commissions/committees in the Town of Palm Beach or elsewhere, please list them and include details such as length of service, attendance record, etc.**

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President, 7 Bridges Field Club Chappaqua, NY Year Round position. Meetings were monthly and on demand ESL Dept Chair, Roosevelt High School, Bronx, NY 10 month position for 3 years with NYC Dept of Education

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**Do you have any experience in requesting comprehensive plan amendments or zoning approvals from the Town of Palm Beach or other jurisdictions? (Please explain.)**

No. But I do have experience working in government. As the ESL Dept. Chair for the school where I worked, West Bronx Academy for the Future, It was my responsibility to understand and meet all requirements of NYState.

**Are you a member of any of the following organizations? (Check all that apply)**

Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach

**Present Occupation**

Retired Teacher

**No. of years**

10

**Past occupation(s)**

NYC Dept of Education ESL teacher and Dept. Chair Bronx, NY

**No. of years**

8

**Please provide details regarding your educational background:**

BA: NYU MPS: Manhattaville College

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**Do you have a degree in, or have you taken courses in, any of the following fields of study: (Check as many as are applicable) \***

Geography

Upload a Resume

**Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime other than minor traffic violations?**

Yes  No

**If you are currently serving on a Town board, commission, or committee, please identify in the space below and check the "I Agree" box indicating that you will resign from that position if you are appointed to the position you are seeking in this application.**

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**I agree that I will resign from the board, commission, or committee if I am appointed to the position I am seeking in this application.**

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I Agree

Question applies to Planning and Zoning Commission

**Why do you feel that you are qualified to serve on the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission?**

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Having worked in government (NYC Dept of Education under Michael Bloomberg and Joel Klein), I feel ready to understand the complexities, frustration and hard work that goes into this type of appointment. While working for the NYC Dept of Education I was chosen to be one of the first teachers to learn "Data Driven Instruction". It was a new concept at the time and one that I did not initially embrace. It took time and effort to see how the concept could work in a classroom environment, but once I understood how powerful the concept was, I could not imagine teaching without it I offer this story for a reason. The Towns Planning and Zoning Commission has been going through a period of growth in the past years. Because of my experience of professional development I am very willing to be open to solving local issues through the process of listening, learning and implementing.

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**In the event you are applying to be a Regular Member and you are not successful, will you accept appointment as an Alternate Member should the Town Council wish to appoint you as an Alternate Member?**

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Yes  No

**To enable Town Council to consider potential conflicts of interest, please list the family members who live and/or work in the Town of Palm Beach, including your spouse, parents, siblings or children.**

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Liza Pulitzer Calhoun - first cousin  
Minnie Pulitzer - first cousin

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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

### Physically Disabled

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Yes  No

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**I hereby certify that I have read the sections of the Town Code of Ordinances for the particular board/commission/committee that I have selected above and have noted the description of the board/commission/committee and its members' duties, and further I have read the regulations concerning absences and conflicts of interests. I certify the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification of material facts will be grounds for rejection of this application of dismissal after appointment.**

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I Agree

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***Please provide a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Palm Beach County Voter Registration card, which shows your Town of Palm Beach address, with your application.***

**Please note that Commission applications will expire on December 15 of each year.**

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

The Planning and Zoning Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Town Council in all matters relating to municipal planning and development. The Commission is required to follow the concepts and contents of the Town's comprehensive land use plan in all planning, zoning and development related deliberations and decisions. The Commission shall also have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by Ordinance. The members of the Commission must be registered voters in the Town of Palm Beach. The seven regular members serve for terms of three years. Three alternate members of the Zoning Commission may be appointed by the Town Council who serve when called upon by the Chair of the Commission in the absence of any regular member.