

Profile

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM): 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.

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

Yes

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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)

Architect

Occupation

In what area of town do you live?

☒ Midtown

Interests/Experience

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

Why are you interested in serving on the Architectural Commission?

I am deeply interested in serving on the Architectural Commission because of my long-standing commitment to the preservation and thoughtful development of architecture that respects both tradition and innovation. With over three decades of experience in architectural design, including residential projects that emphasize classical principles, I believe I can offer valuable insight into the balance between historical integrity and contemporary needs. My background, which includes extensive teaching roles and leadership positions in architectural preservation, such as my tenure as Commissioner for the Architectural Review Board of Palm Beach, has reinforced my belief in the importance of design excellence and the stewardship of architectural heritage. I have a strong history of collaborating with both design professionals and local communities to ensure that projects not only enhance the aesthetic quality of an area but also contribute positively to its cultural and historical fabric. Furthermore, my firm's work, recognized with prestigious awards like the Palladio and Stanford White Awards, reflects a deep understanding of classical design principles, which I have shared through various publications, lectures, and symposia. I am excited by the opportunity to apply this knowledge in a role that directly influences the preservation and architectural direction of our community. I am committed to contributing my expertise in design, preservation, and architectural education to support the mission of the Architectural Commission, ensuring that future developments respect the legacy of our built environment while fostering innovation and growth.

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

How many meetings of the Architectural Commission have you attended in the last year?

10

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

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Do you have any personal experience with requesting approvals from the Town's Architectural Commission? (Please explain)

As an architect with an office in Palm Beach projects we are involved in periodically in front of the commission

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

- ☒ Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach
- ☒ National Trust for Historic Preservation

Present Occupation

Architect

No. of years

30 years

Past occupation(s)

No. of years

Please provide details regarding your educational background:

BS Physics with a minor in Art from Denison and a MS in Architecture from the University of Virginia

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM),Underground Utilities Task Force (UUTF)

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) *

- ☒ Landscape Architecture/Design
- ☒ Architectural History
- ☒ History

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Are you currently a Registered Architect in the State of Florida?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Are you currently a Registered Architect in another state?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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If So, in which state are you currently registered?

NY, WV, MA, RI, NJ, CT, SC

Upload a Resume

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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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.

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.

☒ I Agree

Question applies to Architectural Review Commission (ARCOM)

Why do you feel you are qualified to serve on the Town's Architectural Commission?

I have a deep attachment to the Town of Palm Beach having resided here for over 25 years (winters) and having kept an architectural practice here for all of that time. I have an intimate knowledge of the history, historical architecture and culture that has shaped the Town and I have a commitment to protect its charm, beauty and integrity.

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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?

☒ 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.

Anne Fairfax

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

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

Physically Disabled

☐ Yes ☒ No

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.

☒ 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 the Board/Commission applications will expire on December 15 of each year.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION (ARCOM)

ARCOM reviews and approves modifications to any existing structures visible from public rights-of-way, new construction, and landscaping. The seven regular members and three alternate members are Town registered voters appointed by the Town Council. Regular members are appointed for three-year terms and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Members are appointed on the basis of experience in art, architecture, community planning, land development, real estate, landscape architecture, or other relevant business, profession, or civic interest. At least two members, but not more than three members, shall be registered architects in the state. In the event there are, in the discretion of the town council, no bona fide applications who are registered architects in the State of Florida, the town may solicit and appoint architects registered outside the State of Florida to fill one of the architect seats.