Asheville Buncombe Riverfront Commission

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Applicant	Date	Boards	Address	Contact	Status
Alexander Ruiz	9/22/2026	Asheville Buncombe Riverfront Commission Pending	Asheville, NC 28806	**Phone:** REDACTED **Cell Phone:** REDACTED **Email:** REDACTED	Validated

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Board Member	**Alexander Ruiz**
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Asheville Buncombe Riverfront Commission	2	Pending

Basic Information

Name
Alexander Ruiz

Contact Information

Address
Asheville, NC 28806

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Phone
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Cell Phone
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Business Phone
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Occupation

Employer
Housing Authoirty of the City of Asheville

Job Title
Operations Manager

How did you hear about the opening?
Other: Please specify, Referral from CEO of HACA

Are you a City of Asheville resident?
Yes

To which seat are you applying?
Housing Authority resident or support staff or voucher recipient that resides in the in the committee's service area

Which of the following best describes you?
Housing Authority support staff

Please provide any relevant information, experience, or qualifications for the seat to which you are applying.
Ten years of work in affordable housing for Asheville and Buncombe county, including 1.5 years in the City of Asheville's CED Department and 8.5 with HACA. Also ten years as a consistent renter in Asheville.

List any special qualifications and or experiences you have for service on this board. (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Rental Housing Development Finance - Grow America, Dec 2024 HCV Housing Quality Standards Specialist - Nan McKay and Associates, Inc., May 2021 HCV Rent Calculation - Quadel Consulting & Training, Feb 2021 Fair Housing and Reasonable Accommodation Specialist, Nan McKay and Associates, Inc., Jul 2017

What do you think will be your best contribution to the board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
An intense background in housing programs, real estate development, and the specific needs of the low-income population of Asheville.

What would you like to achieve if appointed to this board? (If applying for more than one board, please be specific.)
Continued advocacy and advancement for the residents, property owners, business owners, and visitors to the Riverfront area, with particular focus on expanding economic protections and expansion of opportunities as the City and County pursue its development and sustainability.

Please describe your ability to listen and consider perspectives that are different from your own.
My professional history has been rooted in the difficult intersections between federal policy, state-and-local law, industry best practices, market forces, and the ethical treatment of marginalized communities. To refuse to consider other perspectives in that sphere is to fail some or all of these forces, and the skill of weighing these points of view in the consideration of best action is the literally the only way forward when it comes to community betterment or success.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that exist or may arise during your service on the board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If yes, please explain.
The Southside Community is owned and operated by HACA, and is adjacent to the region under this board's jurisdiction. In the event that any actions or

considerations that come across this board's purview directly intersect with this community, or with any potential development plans that include HACA, I will happily serve to provide perspective in discussions, but would likely need to recuse myself should they directly affect the finances or other facets of the agency. Happy to take advisement from City staff on a case-by-case basis should these situations arise.

What is your geographic area/neighborhood of residency?
West Asheville (28806 or 28728)

Which best describes your current housing?
Renter

What is your age?
35-54

What is your racial or ethnic identity?
Hispanic or Latinx

What language(s) is/are spoken at your home? Please check all that apply or use "other" to describe.
English, Spanish

Do you have a preferred name?
Alex

What is your gender identity?
Other, Agender

What pronouns do you use?
Other, Any pronouns

What is your sexual orientation?
Prefer not to disclose

What is your employment status?
Employed, full-time

What is your yearly household income or salary?
More than $125,000

What is your primary mode of transportation?
Car

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability or do you have a disability?
REDACTED

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