

Application

Profile

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New Applicant or Current Member

☒ New Applicant

Heather

First Name

Marriott

Last Name

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Date of Birth

Home Address

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

22303

Postal Code

National Council on Aging

Employer

Program Specialist

Job Title

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission On Aging: Submitted

Which position are you applying for?

Citizen

Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

1.5 years

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain

Interests & Experiences

Statement of Interest

I work in the aging realm at the National Council on Aging, and have experience serving on a Public Transit Advisory Commission in my hometown. I want to help advocate for the older adults within Alexandria using the knowledge and skills I learn through my profession. Aging is everyone's business, it impacts us all, and we all deserve to be able to do so with dignity.

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list the board:

How many terms have you served on this board?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement??

☒ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Bachelors degree in Biology from Columbia College (Columbia, MO)

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

I served as Chair of the Public Transit Advisory Commission in the City of Columbia for three years, and worked as a community advocate for five years in the same community. Through this work, I routinely engaged community members within their neighborhoods and public events recruiting them to show up to city council to speak on issues. I hosted community events including surveying of community members, focus groups, and town halls. I have worked for the National Council on Aging since the beginning of February 2023, so my knowledge of aging and community engagement are growing.

REFERENCES - Please list names, phone number and/or email addresses of three references that support your application.

Upload a Resume

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Daniel Thomas	Oliver
First Name	Last Name
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Email Address	
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Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

Date of Birth

Home Address

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Feeding America	Director of Capacity Building Analytics
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☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

I'm in my sixth year here; I moved to Alexandria on 12/30/2018.

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If yes, please explain

Meals on Wheels - I've made 478 deliveries across 65 shifts to 128 Alexandrian seniors, totaling 950 meals delivered.

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Dear Members of the Commission on Aging, My name is DT Oliver and I'm in my sixth year living in Alexandria, Virginia. I am enthusiastically submitting my application to be part of your Commission for three reasons that I'll break down individually: (1) My full-time job and volunteer work demonstrates my commitment to the causes this Commission prioritizes; (2) I have a skillset/service to provide that can benefit this Commission and our city; and (3) I have a commitment to and love for the city of Alexandria. If possible, I'd love to officially be a part of the Commission on Aging and join meetings for the Economic Opportunities Commission as somewhat of a liaison, since to my understanding individuals can only officially be part of one commission. (1) My full-time job and volunteer work demonstrates my commitment to the causes this Commission prioritizes. In 2018, I was in a high-paying job in Raleigh, NC, that provided me with a comfortable lifestyle. However, I couldn't shake the feeling that I needed to be doing something else. After a lengthy "soul searching" process, I left this comfortable job to become a temp employee at Feeding America's DC office to analyze a new type of data that was about to become available for a small batch of food banks. On paper, this seemed like a risky move, but this ended up being one of the best decisions of my career. In 5.5 years I've gone from being a temp analyzing data to being the Director of our Capacity Building Analytics work. My commitment to the cause of food insecurity, self-discipline, empathy towards others, and big-picture approach to our use of data has allowed me to develop substantially at Feeding America. In my current role, I work directly with food banks who may be stretched-thin capacity-wise and assist with optimizing their approach to sourcing food, raising funds, providing tailored services depending on the micro-level community data in their service areas, and enhancing their data capabilities. My full-time job may demonstrate my commitment to this work, but it is at the national level. In 2022, I began exploring ways to get more involved with my local community the city of Alexandria. I had been narrowing down my list of potential volunteer positions when I happened to run into the Executive Director of Senior Services of Alexandria at a coffee shop

Daniel Thomas Oliver

on King St. This led me to try an initial volunteer shift with Meals on Wheels – my first shift being on my 30th birthday. As I’m writing this statement of interest, I’ve made 478 deliveries across 65 shifts to 128 Alexandrian seniors, totaling 950 meals delivered. This volunteer experience has shown me the impact of these local food programs that I help with at a national level. When I deliver meals to seniors, it sometimes leads to great conversations. For them, it provides two nutritious meals and it may be the first conversation they’ve had with someone that day if they live alone. For me, I’m learning from someone with more life experience and who has a lot to offer others. It’s a highly rewarding experience. At this point, I’m ready to do more for this city I love so much. My full-time job has given me insight into the processes and methods deployed nationwide to promote opportunities for other, and my volunteerism with Meals on Wheels has allowed me to drive nearly every street of Alexandria and see the city in its entirety. This Commission is a natural next step in my ability to serve the city. (2) I have a skillset/service to provide that can benefit this Commission and our city These days, data is a crucial part of serving others. I see the impact data can have each day at Feeding America. Data serves as a critical conversation starter and decision-informer at the local level. My career growth at Feeding America has developed my technical skillset and has evolved my communication capabilities. I can easily modify my communication of data and visualization of data depending on who I’m talking to. I’m frequently viewed as and referred to as a data leader and thought leader with all things data at Feeding America. I’ve developed tools that help inform food bank strategy, and I’ve helped teammates overcome all of the challenges that are inevitable with data. Additionally, I’ve served on nearly 10 grant review committees and have helped build food bank capacity to write grants. Data is a key piece in successful grant applications, and the ability to articulate data in a grant application can have a snowball effect due to the grant’s potential for benefiting the community. This is a skillset that I am proud of, and one I am excited to hopefully utilize on this commission. (3) I have a commitment to and love for the city of Alexandria. Before 2018, I honestly hadn’t ever been to Alexandria and knew nothing about it. When I found out my job at Feeding America required me to work in the DC office, I was put in contact with someone who was born and raised in the DC metro area. She asked me what my priorities were with a community here and I communicated to her that my top priority was my 85-pound Lab-Pyrenees dog, Toby, having a comfortable life in his golden years. I explained to her that I bottlefed him as a two-week old puppy, he had come with me everywhere in my adult years, and now that he was in his senior years, I needed to be in a town that was known for being dog-friendly and where I could make sure his golden years were the best possible. She bluntly said “Alexandria. Don’t look anywhere else.” Toby and I spent a perfect five years together in Alexandria. He became something of a community dog – everywhere we went, he knew a friend and would happily bark at folks from across the street. Almost every morning we went to Dolci Gelati, where he was deemed the #1 Dog in Virginia by the locals. After a long, fun life and countless adventures together, Toby started his next adventure in July 2023. It may be unorthodox to mention a dog in this statement of interest, but the way Alexandria made his golden years so perfect, filled with joy and fun, will always hold a special place in my heart. Even when I still had him, I had a deep appreciation for the role Alexandria played in his life and mine. Now that he is no longer with me, I want to do even more to give back to this city. I had never been so confidently told which community would be a good fit for me. And I’ve never felt so confident in my commitment to a community until I lived here. I appreciate your consideration for my role on this Commission. If there are further details I can provide, I am happy to answer them via email at doliver@feedingamerica.org. Thank you, Daniel Thomas “DT” Cozort Oliver Alexandria Resident Director of Capacity Building Analytics @ Feeding America

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

May 2017 - Master of Science in Analytics from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
May 2016 - Bachelor of Science in Statistics from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
Honors: Valedictorian, Caldwell Fellow, Phi Beta Kappa, College Honors Program

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

Oct 2018 – Present: Feeding America National Office, Washington DC Roles: Oct 2018 – Apr 2020: Research Analyst Apr 2020 – Feb 2022: Analytics Manager Feb 2022 – Jul 2023: Senior Analytics Manager Jul 2023 – Present: Director of Capacity Building Analytics May 2017 – Aug 2018: Data Scientist @ Syneos Health, Raleigh, NC Aug 2016 – May 2017: Data Science Practicum Participant @ United Network for Organ Sharing, Richmond, VA Aug 2014 – May 2016: Servant Leadership Team Lead @ NC State University, Raleigh, NC May 2015 – Aug 2015: Risk Analytics Intern @ John Deere, Des Moines, IA Dec 2013 – Dec 2014: Statistical Researcher @ NC State University, Raleigh, NC