

Beautification Commission

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Applicant	Date	Boards	Address	Contact	Status
Kristen Forcht	11/26/2025	Beautification Commission Contested	Yes, I am a resident of 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		Validated
John Mickley	2/26/2026	Beautification Commission Contested	Yes, I am a resident of 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		Validated
Laura Norfolk	3/12/2026	Beautification Commission Contested (Incumbent)	Yes, I am a resident of 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		Validated

Kristen Forcht

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Status

Name Kristen Forcht
Application Date 11/26/2025
Expiration Date 6/26/2026
Board Member [Kristen Forcht](#)
Status Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

Board	Vacancies	Status
Beautification Commission	1	Contested

Basic Information

Name
Kristen Forcht

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of 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
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Patina Polished Living
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Design

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.

No

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

I am very interested in serving on the Alexandria Beautification Committee because I believe my background allows me to bridge both design and community perspectives. I am passionate about contributing creative insight, hands-on experience, and a genuine commitment to supporting projects that preserve and enhance the charm and character of Alexandria. I would be honored to collaborate with the committee to help ensure our shared public spaces continue to reflect the beauty and vibrancy of this city.

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

No

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

Yes

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Attendance Requirements: Sec. 2-4-7 of the City Code requires appointees to attend at least 75% of the yearly committee meetings. Absences may be excused because of personal illness or serious illness of members of the immediate family, death of a family member, unscheduled business trips and emergency work assignments only. All other absences are recorded as unexcused. In light of the aforementioned statement, will you be able to attend at least 75% of the regular meetings of the board which you may be appointed?

Yes

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

Educational Background

University of Kentucky- BA and honors in History University of the District of Columbia- J.D.

Summary of Work and Experience

Since 2015, I have worked as a small business owner in the Alexandria area with a focus on design, project coordination, and client experience. My work has included contract-based projects with SailPoint Holdings, where I supported operational and design-related needs, demonstrating reliability, attention to detail, and the ability to deliver high-quality work within structured corporate environments. In addition to my contract work, I have built a strong foundation in residential and small-business design. This experience has allowed me to collaborate closely with clients, understand their goals, and create functional, aesthetically pleasing solutions tailored to their needs. Most recently, my role at Patina Polished Living has deepened my engagement with the Alexandria community. Through both design services and retail interactions, I have developed meaningful relationships with residents and visitors, helping them enhance their homes and connecting them with the character and charm of local design. This position has strengthened my customer service skills, community involvement, and understanding of how design can influence and elevate daily life. Together, these experiences reflect my commitment to high-quality work, my ability to collaborate with diverse groups, and my ongoing dedication to serving the Alexandria community.

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

REDACTED

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How did you hear of this vacancy?

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John Mickley

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Status

Name John Mickley
Application Date 2/26/2026
Expiration Date 9/26/2026
Board Member John Mickley
Status Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

Board	Vacancies	Status
Beautification Commission	1	Contested

Basic Information

Name
John Mickley
Date of Birth
REDACTED

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of 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
Email
REDACTED
Phone
REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Office of Congressional Workplace Rights
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Citizen member

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

How long have you lived in Alexandria?

Four years

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

I am very interested in contributing to the beautification of the already-beautiful Alexandria, Virginia. Since I moved here with my wife and two small kids in 2022, I have loved exploring the city's parks, trails, and public spaces. I have also started a small garden on our patio with the help of the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia's website and in-person events. These interests - enjoying Alexandria's public spaces and gardening - have naturally (pun intended) brought me to the Beautification Commission, where I would be honored to contribute to the City that I have come to love. When I'm not outside at a playground or in my garden, I am doing my day job of government attorney. I am comfortable and familiar with bureaucracy, paperwork, oral and written advocacy, and all of the other tasks that put the "Commission" in "Beautification Commission." In other words, I'd be happy to get my hands dirty in the soil or City Hall for this good cause.

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

No

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

No

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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Yes

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

Educational Background

I have a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from Tulane University.

Summary of Work and Experience

I have been an Associate General Counsel at the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights on Capitol Hill for the last three years. Before that, I was a Field Attorney at the National Labor Relations Board for eight years. My volunteer experience includes serving on the board of my kids' federally-administered preschool at the Patent and Trademark Office. In that role, I was the lead negotiator of a renewal contract with the care provider, Bright Horizons. I have also been a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters for about ten years and sporadically volunteer at Alive's Del Ray Food Hub when I have time.

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Gender

REDACTED

Sexual Orientation

REDACTED

Ethnicity

REDACTED

Do you have a disability?

REDACTED

How did you hear of this vacancy?

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Status

Name Laura Norfolk
Application Date 3/12/2026
Expiration Date 10/12/2026
Board Member [Laura Norfolk](#)
Status Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

Board	Vacancies	Status
Beautification Commission	1	Contested (Incumbent)

Basic Information

Name
Laura Norfolk

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of 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
Email
 REDACTED
Phone
 REDACTED

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
 Fusion Meetings and Events
Job Title
 REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member

Current Member of This Board

How many terms have you served?

2

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Citizen

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

How long have you lived in Alexandria?

Since 1997

Statement of Interest (Do not include personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.)

Love gardening and environmental issues. Hope to bring these interests to serve the Commission and the City.

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

Yes (Please explain), Prior Commission and Committee participation

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

Yes

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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Yes

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

Educational Background

BS - Biology

Summary of Work and Experience

See the resume I uploaded.

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