

Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee

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Applicant	Date	Boards	Address	Contact	Status
Melissa Sathe	3/31/2026	Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee 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
Shane Thomas	3/14/2026	Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee 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

Melissa Sathe

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Status

Name Melissa Sathe

Application Date 3/31/2026

Expiration Date 10/31/2026

Board Member [Melissa Sathe](#)

Status Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026

Board	Vacancies	Status
Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee	1	Contested (Incumbent)

Basic Information

Name
Melissa Sathe

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria.
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Yes

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Iron Point Partners

New Applicant or Current Member

Current Member of This Board

How many terms have you served?

1

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

Financial professional

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?

4 years

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

Housing affordability is a critical issue in Alexandria. AHAAC, alongside City staff, does important work to inform the City's housing policies, to administer the Housing Trust Fund responsibly, and to ensure that developers adhere to Alexandria's zoning ordinances relating to affordability requirements. Each month, AHAAC approaches all of these responsibilities thoughtfully. In every meeting, its members demonstrate creative thinking, consider challenges and opportunities from multiple points of view, and balance competing interests. In addition, staff from the Office of Housing bring a wealth of local, legacy, and policy knowledge that informs the Committee's spirited discussions. Over the last three years, it has been a pleasure to serve as a member of AHAAC and it would be an honor to continue in that role. As a real estate investor with more than 15 years of professional experience, I believe I bring a constructive perspective to the Committee and have been particularly privileged to do so as a member of AHAAC's Investment Sub-Committee, which considers complex and special situations applications that will come before AHAAC. Serving on AHAAC has been a highlight of living in Alexandria: from meeting new neighbors and learning about our City, to witnessing the dedication, expertise, and ingenuity of long-time Committee members and Housing staff. I would very much like to serve another term as a member of AHAAC. Thank you for your consideration.

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

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Shane Thomas

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Name	Shane Thomas	Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee	1	Contested
Application Date	3/14/2026			
Expiration Date	10/14/2026			
Board Member	Shane Thomas			
Status	Validated BY: UNKNOWN USER @BEFORE 4/1/2026			

Basic Information

Name
Shane Thomas

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria.
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Yes

Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
JP Morgan Chase & Co.

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

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Board

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Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?

2

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I am writing to express my interest in serving on the City of Alexandria's Affordable Housing Committee. As someone who lives and works in the region, I care deeply about ensuring that Alexandria remains an accessible and vibrant community for residents across all income levels. In my professional career, I work in finance and healthcare administration, fields that have given me experience evaluating complex financial structures, long-term planning, and the real-world impact that economic decisions have on communities. Through this work, I have developed a strong appreciation for how housing stability affects economic mobility, workforce participation, and overall community health. Affordable housing is one of the most important issues facing growing cities today. Alexandria's ability to support teachers, healthcare workers, service employees, and young professionals depends on thoughtful policies that balance growth, fiscal responsibility, and community needs. I am particularly interested in contributing to discussions around sustainable funding strategies, public-private partnerships, and long-term planning that can expand access to quality housing while maintaining the character of Alexandria's neighborhoods. I would bring to the committee a pragmatic, data-driven perspective along with a commitment to listening to residents and stakeholders. I value collaborative problem solving and believe effective policy requires both financial realism and empathy for the people directly affected by housing affordability challenges. Serving on the Affordable Housing Committee would be an opportunity for me to contribute my professional experience and civic commitment toward helping Alexandria remain a diverse, inclusive, and economically resilient city. Thank you for your consideration.

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Educational Background

Masters in Health Admin & Policy - Univ of Miami Business School B.S. Health Sciences - Drexel University

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