
Name of Council Member

Endorsement

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

Commission for Women
(3-year term)
1 citizen member

_____ Alyssa Burns

_____ Rochelle Hall

_____ Jessica Morton

_____ Jennifer Wetmore

_____ Maxanne Witkin

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
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Submit Date: Jun 07, 2021

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New Applicant or Current Member

☒ New Applicant

Alyssa

First Name

Burns

Last Name

[REDACTED]
Email Address

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Home Address

[REDACTED]
Street Address

Suite or Apt

[REDACTED]
City

[REDACTED]
State

22314

Postal Code

[REDACTED]
Primary Phone

[REDACTED]
Alternate Phone

Casimir

Employer

Clinical Research Scientist

Job Title

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission For Women: Submitted

Alyssa Burns

Type of Position/Role

Citizen

Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

2 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/Why You Should Be Appointed**

During my graduate program tenure, I had the opportunity to mentor young aspiring female scientists, on their undergraduate and graduate research projects and theses. It was in my research setting that I witnessed the uphill battle women have in a male dominated field whether it be academia or industry. I myself experienced these challenges before and tried everything as a mentor to promote diversity and encourage the next generation of researchers to step outside their box and enter into unfamiliar spaces in which they may be the 'first'. Being a part of the Commission for Women I will have the opportunity to shape the local community and life experiences for women in the areas of economics, academics, health, and safety. A woman's perspective strengthens the narrative and I charge it as a personal responsibility to be a part of a team that sets a local example to promote gender equality and the empowerment of young girls and women. I would like to advocate on platforms that will enhance the ability of young girls and women to achieve their highest potential. I aspire to educate and collaborate with the community on ways we can eliminate gender disparities and related barriers. I would like to promote and bring awareness to woman's rights, through local policy and legislation in the community which I live and love.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Alyssa Rume

If yes, please list the board:

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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If yes, please state your department, job title, and describe your duties:

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

My husband is a citizen member of the Human Rights Commission

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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?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Alvessa Rume

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

PhD Nutrition Biochemistry- 2018 Bachelor of Science Food Science and Human Nutrition- 2013
Conference Research Presenter- 2016, 2017, 2018 Research Publications - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Professionally I am a Research Scientist, in which I conduct scientific and clinical research investigations on various diseases and chronic conditions. Currently, my research focus is genetic rare diseases and investigating the patient perspective on disease burden and progression while on a pharmaceutical intervention and/or treatment. We do this by developing new outcome methods to capture and quantify change. Clinical Research Scientist 2020- Design and conduct research studies utilizing qualitative and quantitative methods Clinical Research Specialist 2019- Communication liaison that provided scientific support to clinical operations, statistical and industry management teams for all internal research activities and protocol development. Clinical Research Protocol Developer 2018- Collaborated with PI's to develop new investigator-initiated clinical research trials. Sr. Clinical Research Coordinator 2018- Coordinated and directed clinical trials. **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE** Postdoctoral scholar mentor- Assist women transitioning from academia to industry and academia to a postdoctoral fellowship position. Undergraduate Thesis Mentor- Supported and mentored 3 female undergraduate research interns on their honors research project and thesis. Graduate Thesis Mentor- Supported and Mentored 2 female graduate students on their research proposal, project, and thesis. Community Advocate for Nutrition Education- During my tenure at the University of Florida, I coordinated community outreach initiatives to promote health and nutrition education which focused on chronic disease awareness and prevention and quality of life.

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Rochelle

First Name

Hall

Last Name

Email Address

Date of Birth**Place of Birth****Home Address**

Street Address

City

Primary Phone

Suite or Apt

State

22314

Postal Code

Self-employed

Employer

Professional Coach

Job Title

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission For Women: Submitted

Rochelle Hall

Type of Position/Role

Citizen

Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

2 1/2 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/Why You Should Be Appointed

I have a strong interest in promoting equal opportunity for women in employment, education and housing in Alexandria. I have been a lawyer in the D.C. area for over 35 years (no longer practicing, but have an active D.C. Bar license). The last twelve years of my legal career I was a Hearing Officer in the securities industry, where I presided over complex securities cases. After retiring from law in 2018, I obtained a Master of Social Work degree and since then have worked as a psychotherapist and currently have a practice providing coaching to attorneys and other professionals.

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?

Rochelle Hall

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If yes, please explain:

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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?

☐ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

J.D.: Harvard Law School, 1983 M.S.W.: New York University, 2019 A.B.: Boston College, psychology, 1980 Certified Professional Coach, (C.P.C.): College of Executive Coaching, 2021

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

2020-2021: Coach and consultant 2019-2021: Psychotherapist 2018-2019: Full-time graduate student in social work; intern at Brooklyn Hospital and The LGBT Center of New York 2016-2018: Hearing Officer, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA): presided over cases brought by FINRA Enforcement against its members for violations of securities laws.

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Jessica

First Name

Morton

Last Name

Email Address

Date of Birth**Place of Birth****Home Address**

Street Address

City

Primary Phone

Suite or Apt

State

22301

Postal Code

Alternate Phone

Democracy Forward Foundation

Employer

Senior Counsel

Job Title

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission For Women: Submitted

Jessica Morton

Type of Position/Role

Citizen

Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

one month

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/Why You Should Be Appointed

Over the last two years, the pandemic has exposed so many fault lines of American society--including the immense pressure women are under, and the lack of support we so frequently experience. The unequal burdens felt by women have been well documented over the past year. At this juncture, it is critical that we build on the excellent 2018 Status of Women Report, refreshing those findings with an eye to the ways that the pandemic has altered women's experiences in particular, and with a focus on intersectionality. As a litigator, I have significant experience in collecting and organizing information, drafting written reports, and managing complex projects that would be useful in this endeavor. But more importantly, I am particularly adept at building coalitions of people with diverse viewpoints, and making sure that people who come to me with concerns feel heard. It would be an honor to put those skills to use in service of my community. Although I am new to Alexandria, I am not new to engagement on women's issues. As a leader of the women's initiative at my prior law firm, and a member of several women's initiatives in the DC legal community, I saw firsthand the challenges women face in professional settings, and the imperative to create communities where women feel comfortable sharing their most vulnerable moments. I chose to move to Alexandria in part because I was so impressed with the level of community engagement here. I am eager to be a part of that culture. Thank you for your consideration.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Jessica Morton

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 2013 M.A., University of Michigan--Ann Arbor (English Language & Literature), 2010 B.A., University of Notre Dame (English), 2008

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

Democracy Forward Foundation, Senior Counsel (Feb. 2021-Present): Democracy Forward is a public interest organization that advocates for good governance through litigation and regulatory advocacy. I develop and run cases in state court, collaborate with our nonprofit partners and clients, and engage with federal agencies in rulemaking processes. Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP (Nov. 2015-Jan. 2021): As a senior litigation associate, I was responsible for managing complex cases at every stage, from initial discovery through appeal. I managed large teams of more junior associates and staff, developed strategy, collaborated with partners and co-counsel, drafted briefs, and argued motions in court. I devoted a significant portion of my practice to pro bono work, with a focus on voting rights, civil rights, and criminal justice. I also served on the Associates Committee and had a leadership role in the firm's women's initiative.

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Jennifer

First Name

Wetmore

Last Name

Email Address

Date of Birth**Place of Birth****Home Address**

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

22302

Postal Code

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

federal government

Employer

Senior Advisor

Job Title

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission For Women: Submitted

Jennifer Wetmore

Citizen member

☒ Yes ☐ No

5 years

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

For some time, I have wanted to volunteer more in the community but due to work, and other, commitments, have found it difficult to dedicate sustained time to such endeavors so I have limited myself to volunteering for specific events or time-limited efforts. However, now my commitments have shifted such that I may make more time for such personal pursuits. One of those efforts I would like to undertake is engaging more within my community and one way I see in doing that is volunteering to serve on a commission, particularly the Commission for Women. After participating in the Spring 2021 Alexandria City Academy (which is a truly excellent program run by the City), it not only provided me a deeper understanding of local city government but also demonstrated ways in which I might give back as an Alexandria resident. When I saw the recent announcement about the openings on several committees/commissions, I decided that the timing was right for me to engage. I was particularly interested in the Commission for Women. Through my career, many times, I have worked in an imbalanced gender environment so I hope that my experiences might lend a perspective to the commission's responsibilities. I also believe that my demeanor and work ethic would serve the commission well – I am an effective communicator, collaborative, pragmatic and deliberative. I hope that you will consider me for an appointment to the Commission for Women. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to give back to the City.

Jennifer Wetmore

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

Juris Doctorate, New England School of Law, Boston, MA B.A., University of Massachusetts, Lowell
(political science - major; Spanish - minor)

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

(current) Senior Advisor- Serves as the office's principal coordinator for international liaison in bilateral and multilateral forums; advises senior officials, the interagency and foreign governments on specific issues within the office's responsibilities. (prior) Manager and Supervisor - Primary coordination with internal and external partners on quarterly planning and to address and solve policy or logistical discrepancies. Provided insight and recommendations to senior leaders on strategic decision-making and organizational changes. Experience more than five years ago includes serving 5 years overseas representing the U.S. government; serving as a program manager over various national programs within the Dept. of Homeland Security; and working as a private attorney in immigration law.

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New Applicant or Current Member☒ New Applicant

Maxanne (maxie)

First Name

Witkin

Last Name



Email Address

Date of Birth**Place of Birth****Home Address**

Street Address



Suite or Apt



City



State

22314

Postal Code



Primary Phone



Alternate Phone

Retired

Employer

Job Title

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission For Women: Submitted

Maxanne (maxie) Witkin

Type of Position/Role

Member

Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

2 months

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

In the process of becoming a elementary school tutor in ACPS.

Interests & Experiences

Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed

I am an attorney with over 35 years of experience in civil rights law, including sexual harassment and sex discrimination. I am also a former administrative judge with the Federal government.

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

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Maxanne (maxie) Witkin

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):

Syracuse University, A.B., Political Science and Journalism George Washington University, Masters in Public Administration George Washington University, Juris Doctorate

Maxanne (maxie) Witkin

SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):

Director, Office of Employment Discrimination and Complaint Adjudication, Department of Veterans Affairs (July 2009 - April 2021) Supervised a staff of 22 attorneys and 5 support staff responsible for the drafting of administrative decisions adjudicating discrimination complaints filed by Department of Veterans Affairs'. During my tenure, I was responsible for the issuance of over 13,000 decisions. The decisions issued by my office were final within the department.

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