

City of Asheville
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Application Form

APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND SEVERAL MEETINGS OF A BOARD PRIOR TO APPLYING AND/OR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD

Name of board or commission(s): Council Position Vacated by Ms Jones
Your name: Richard Sandour Home Phone #: 828-254-7702
Street address: 25 Robinhood Rd City: Asheville Zip Code: 28804
Mailing address (if different): _____
Employer: Self Employed
Your position: _____ Office Phone #: 828-778-4484
Resident of City County _____ Race: Hispanic Sex M * Age 54 *
Are you a United States Citizen (circle one)? Yes or No
Residence location (check one): Central _____ North South _____ East _____ West _____
How did you become aware of the opening? _____ Webpage _____ Current Volunteer _____ eNews _____
_____ Government Channel Newspaper Radio _____ Organization _____ Agenda _____ Other _____
Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving (use additional sheets if necessary). Expertise: _____ Legal _____ Technical Fundraising Community Contacts _____
_____ Business Management (Financial) Business Management (Operational) _____ Public Speaking _____

See Attached Questions

Return to:
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Signature: Richard Sandour
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* This information is requested for the sole purpose of assuring that a cross section of the community is appointed.

Personal Resume

Richard A. Sandoval
25 Robinhood Rd
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(828) 778-4484

Birth Place

Alamogordo, New Mexico

Residence

Moved to Asheville October 1, 1989 and
have lived at 25 Robinhood Rd. in Asheville
since October 1990

After college graduation in 1979 and prior to
moving to Asheville in 1989 I moved with
Occupation to several cities in US

Education

Multiple Degrees From New Mexico State
University in Science and History

Business Experience

Chemical Consultant for Ashland, Inc.

Own and Operate KAAT,LLC a company
that develops investment commercial real
estate.

Partners in one of Buncombe Counties
largest Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Counseling Services

Answers to questions 1 -5

1. Our nations growing social and economic problems can seem over whelming with the constant barrage of news coverage that is available. Much too often we look for the answers to the problems to come from the government or the same organizations that document them. Our nation has faced difficult times throughout its history and without exception it was our communities and the citizen's involvement that has lead us on the road to recovery.

I have been involved over the years in several programs that address, the homeless, mental illness and substance abuse. The difference that one person can make in our society can best be seen when working with our friends and neighbors who find themselves in these unfortunate circumstances.

I want to continue be an active participant in our community. If I am given this opportunity on the council I would hope to emphasize our shrinking tax base, work towards a comprehensive City/County growth plan and help spotlight the issues our mental health and substance abuse providers have in Asheville.

2. Fiscally and Social Conservative

3. A. Asheville City Budget – Line by line analysis of our budget. Cost of Services provided by the City is over whelming our tax base. B. All political differences must be put aside to work together to develop a growth plan for The City of Asheville. The plan should address are shrinking tax base, loss of quality jobs in the area and business development in the City. C. The Homeless - The issue of the homeless in Asheville is not our problem it is our responsibility.

4. City and county governments that work together for the good of all its citizens. The quality of life in Asheville City and Buncombe County has been well documented throughout the world and the resulting growth has stretched the limits of our short term small town thinking. It is time that our councils work together to formulate a working plan for our areas future growth.

5. The next two fiscal years will be challenging for Asheville City residents who for a number of years have seen the cost of operating our city go up and our tax base shrink.

We must review our budget line by line and make sure that we are prudent and efficient in the operation of our city. We must work together with the county to develop a working growth plan for the area that allows us to increase our tax base and help keep pace with growing demands.