



NOTIFICATION FOR SERVICE FOR THE
TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NAME Sharika Robinson HOME PHONE N/A
HOME ADDRESS 16617 Grassy Creek Drive CELL PHONE (704) 258-1743
DO YOU RESIDE IN THE TOWN LIMITS OR ETJ? Yes, within limits
PRESENT OCCUPATION Attorney WORK PHONE (704)377-8327
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT Robinson Bradshaw
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APPROXIMATE HOURS AVAILABLE PER MONTH FOR SERVING ON ADVISORY BOARD As required

NAME OF ANY TOWN OR COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS YOU ARE PRESENTLY
SERVING ON:

N/A EXPIRATION DATE _____

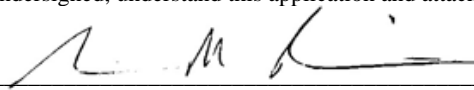
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EDUCATION J.D.

BUSINESS AND CIVIC EXPERIENCE I am a board member of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Metro Chapter and
former member of a school district's equity committee.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS/SKILLS I am a business litigator, who understands the judicial process,
impartiality and judicial-decision making. In fact, prior to practicing, I worked for federal judges, assisting with cases
submitted before the district and circuit courts. Now, I practice before the federal and state courts,
and my corporate commercial litigation practice is broad, consisting of, but not limited to, real estate disputes, breac
employment law, bankruptcy and antitrust violations. Further, my chemistry background will provide a solid platform for
understanding matters related to water density.

I, the undersigned, understand this application and attached questionnaire will be kept on the active file for a two (2) year period
only.



(Signature of Applicant)

September 22, 2017

(Date)



QUESTIONNAIRE

To assist the Board of Commissioners in making appointments to the Board of Adjustment, please respond briefly to the following questions. There is no right or wrong answer. Your responses will provide a framework for discussion with the Mayor and Commissioners.

Overview: The Board of Adjustment consists of Regular and Alternate Members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The Regular membership shall consist of six (6) members who reside within the corporate limits, and one (1) extraterritorial member. The number of Regular members appointed who reside in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction ("ETJ") shall at a minimum meet the requirement of NCGS §160A-362 for proportional representation, but shall in no instance be less than one (1). The Alternate membership shall consist of at least two (2) members who reside within the corporate limits, with the remaining alternate member residing in either the corporate limits or the ETJ.

The Board's primary function is to act upon variances, which are specific requests for deviation from the strict letter of the law of the Huntersville Zoning Ordinance. As an example, picture a property with a stream running through it thirty feet back from the road. If the Zoning Ordinance requires that every new house must be set back thirty feet from the road, the property owner is faced with a hardship and may request a variance. The Board of Adjustment acts quite literally as a court, with evidence presented, petitioners sworn in, and strict rules followed to determine if indeed a hardship exists. The Board considers the facts relative to the petition and formulates a legally-binding ruling.

1. Please describe the areas of community service in which you have participated, in Huntersville or elsewhere.

Recent Community Service (my history of service dates back to high school): Second Harvest Bank, Breakfast with Santa (Jack and Jill of America), How to Respond During a Traffic Stop (Positive Change), Beloved Community (Several Programs).

2. Briefly describe your vision for Huntersville in the next 10 to 15 years. What factors during that time will shape the growth of our community?

Huntersville has experienced steady-progressive growth that I would like see continue. The number of high school graduates is above 95%; I'd like to see it increase to 97%. The median income and home value are above state and national levels, which should continue to be the case in the next 10 to 15 years. Additionally, crime is low and data indicate, families are residing within town limits. Traffic and congestion will probably shape growth most as the number of residents continue to increase.

3. Since the Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body and must act essentially as a court, it is bound by strict rules of procedure and must use specific findings of fact in order to reach a ruling. As such, Board members must base their ruling on the facts alone, and not on emotion. As a potential Board member, how will you ensure that your decisions are formed objectively?

I like to think that my decisions are naturally formed objectively. Both of my current and prior career demand that I make calls based on the supporting facts. As a chemist, there was no room for emotion, it is all factual. As an attorney, there is some room to make emotional calls; however, emotion, alone, will not suffice. Recommendations to team members and clients must be supported by the facts and law.



4. With rapid development occurring in Huntersville and the surrounding area, the character and growth patterns of our community are changing rapidly. Please discuss briefly any problems that you perceive, anything that you would like to change, and/or anything you find particularly appropriate to Huntersville.

Growth and change can present its challenges, but it can be a great opportunity for all. Change, nonetheless, must be met by balance. I think that it is important to be a "marketplace of ideas" with some representation indicative of the growth pattern in order to effectively ascertain what that balance should be.

OTHER COMMENTS:

The Town of Huntersville Board of Commissioners sincerely appreciates the interest of all citizens in the Town's advisory committees and urges the public to nominate qualified persons for membership. Nominations may be sent to:

TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
ATTN: Michelle Haines
P.O. BOX 664
HUNTERSVILLE, NC 28070

For more information on the responsibilities of various advisory bodies, applicants may contact the Planning Department at (704) 875-7000.

**Thank you for completing the application and questionnaire.
Please return them to the Huntersville Planning Department**