

Board, Committee and Commission Application

Profile

Jennifer

First Name

Gafford

Last Name

Preferred Pronouns

She/her/hers

[Redacted]

Email Address

Please enter your address below.

Many, but not all, of our committees require residency within the incorporated City limits of Hyattsville. To check your residency status, please visit the map: [City Residency Map](#)

Committees that accept applications from individuals residing outside of the incorporated City limits are listed below:

- Education Advisory Committee (at least 50% + 1 of sitting committee members must be residents of the City)
- Educational Facilities Task Force (up to one non-City resident appointment)
- Race and Equity Task Force (up to one non-City resident appointment)

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

City

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

State

[Redacted]

Postal Code

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

2022 Redistricting Commission : Submitted

If you selected more than one Board/Committee of interest, please indicate your first choice below.

To find your City Ward, click on this link! [City Residency Map](#)

Please select your ward from the drop down list below. *

Ward 3

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

Referred By:

Please provide a brief background statement including why you want to serve on the committee/s for which you are applying. This statement may be posted on the City's website.

My name is Jennifer Gafford. I was raised in Hyattsville and have been living here for the last 30 years. My love for the City of Hyattsville led to my decision to raise my own family here as well. I live in Ward 3 at Editor's Park with my husband and 7 year old son. My interest surrounding the subjects of culture and race root back to growing up in a multicultural family. I graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology. I later received a Master of Arts in Human Resources Management and I currently work as a Director of Human Resources for a hospitality company based out of the DC Metropolitan area. As part of the essential functions of my job I provide guidance to operations managers on employment law compliance and harassment and discrimination prevention. I love the work that I do and believe strongly in the importance of the topics of race and equity not only in the workplace but in the communities we live in. For this reason, I am interested in serving on the 2022 Redistricting Commission.

Question applies to 2022 Redistricting Commission

Are you available to meet at least three times over July and August to achieve the Task Force's deadlines? Meetings will run 1-2 hours and may be a mix of Zoom and in-person at the Hyattsville City Building. Times and dates will be selected by committee members once the committee is established.

Yes.

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Please share any experience you have in the areas of: Census or demographic data analysis, GIS technology, racial and social equity, and community outreach and engagement. Experience in these areas is not required to serve on the Commission.

I am currently a member of Hyattsville's Race and Equity Task Force. My husband and I are active community members in the townhome/condo community Editor's Park. I am actively involved in the planning of community engagement events (i.e. social gatherings, fundraising for neighborhood little library) My husband leads the Ward 3 Neighborhood Watch group, which I assist with.

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Please share any other personal or professional expertise you have that would be relevant to the City's redistricting efforts.

I have been a resident of Hyattsville for most of my life and am very familiar with the various wards.