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## **Board, Committee and Commission Application**

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

As a recent graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensic Crime Scene Investigation and Bachelor of Arts in African American studies, I was excited to learn about the opportunity to join the City of Hyattsville's Police & Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee. Having reviewed the position requirements, which closely aligns with my qualifications, I am confident that I will be a valuable contributor to the advisory Committee's goals. While in school, I spent time building my communication, writing, research, and leadership skills. I am focused and diligent when managing workloads and prioritizing tasks to meet deadlines. I have an interest and goal to advocate for the importance of new policy concerning criminal justice reform, immigration reform, and racial justice in Hyattsville. While in school, I took on mentorship and leadership roles to connect with underrepresented identities to build meaningful connections with students of color on campus and residents in the Richmond, VA community. I was an Upper Classman mentor in VCU's Multicultural Connections and Advisement Program (MCAP) were I mentored underclassmen to support and build their network as well as share strategies on how to navigate challenges. During my senior year, I served the role of Secretary for the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) Chapter at VCU. The goal of the NABCJ chapter at VCU is to achieve equal justice for blacks and other minorities including members of law enforcement, social services, and other community-based interests, as well as collaborate on programming and advocacy efforts in Richmond, VA. Additionally, I conducted a research project that analyzed the knowledge and awareness of the human papilloma virus (HPV) among African American women. My research reflects the importance of the knowledge, awareness, and history of medical mistrust regarding Black women's reproductive health regarding HPV, preventative strategies for STDs/STIs, and the importance of building medical trust/relationships between doctors and their patients. I thrive in environments where I can make a direct impact utilizing interpersonal skills and complex problem-solving to find solutions and achieve results. I am currently an Intern with the D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences with the Forensic Intelligence Unit and was recently promoted to full-time as a Staff Assistant in the Forensic Biology Unit. In my current role as an Intern, I assist in aggregate and analyze law enforcement District data in order to provide comprehensive intelligence and statistical analysis in support of criminal investigations and initiatives to enhance public safety. I analyze ghost gun statistical data as well as data from D.C.'s Summer Prevention Initiative (SCPI) for crime analysis to track and address crime in order to eliminate violent crime through focused prevention and strategic enforcement. As the Communications Fellow at FWD.us, I supported our immigration and criminal justice work. I was responsible for conducting research, building valuable communications skills, and learned how a dynamic communications team operates in a fast-paced environment while supporting FWD.us' larger strategic goals. In this role, I had the opportunity to help empower immigrants and returning citizens from incarceration as they make meaningful gains in their lives. I assisted in writing and editing immigration and criminal justice-related communications products, including talking points, media campaign plans, press releases, media advisories, blog posts and more. I also curated pitch letters and/or email pitch memos to engage reporters and influence the national dialogue on immigration and criminal justice. Prior to FWD.us, I worked as an intern with Metropolitan Police Department in Washington D.C. where I was assigned to the sexual assault unit under the Violent Crimes Branch. As an intern, I assisted detectives and sergeants by performing administrative duties such as sorting, filing, copying, and preparing case information for active and cold sexual assault cases. I also analyzed forensic testing from cases to find matches in CODIS as well as attended various meetings and trainings offered at MPD and the FBI for crime analysis and human trafficking training. My academic and professional experiences have greatly contributed to the development of my collaboration, writing, and leadership skills. I excel at communicating both clearly and professionally with co-members, Staff Liaisons, and Council Liaisons. I look forward to speaking with you further to provide details of my background and those qualities which I believe will be an asset to the Police & Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Committee. Thank you for your time and consideration.