City of Hyattsville Submit Date: May 13, 2021

Board, Committee and Commission Application

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Education Advisory Com	nmittee: Submitted		
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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.

Dear Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee Application Reviewers: I am pleased to submit my application to serve on the Education Advisory Committee. I am applying to volunteer for this position because I have devoted much of my career to gaining an understanding of the relationship between history and politics. My professional aspiration is to use my academic background to work towards researching and aiding in educational policy proposals and am in the process of earning a PhD on the subject. I am very passionate about the formation of educational policy and the process of translating educational aspirations into concrete educational policies as well as getting involved in local government. My current dissertation research focuses on German foreign policy in the Middle East during the twentieth century, which has developed my language skills in French, German, and Arabic. I have researched foreign diplomacy and hope to use this knowledge for policy formation. In addition to my language skills, I am trained to analyze both primary and secondary sources, I have developed writing, editing, and critical thinking skills, and am proficient in compiling large amounts of data and making cohesive arguments. Lastly, academia has taught me how to operate independently and maintain a disciplined schedule for producing academic writing. I have also utilized a wide variety of jobs to develop various administrative and logistical skills. My professional experiences have allowed me to develop communication skills, work in a fast-paced environment, and develop computer programming and marketing skills. In my recent internship with the German Marshal Fund, I worked to organize and research events and policies dedicated to trans-Atlantic cooperation. As a researcher and project associate with the German Historical Institute, I combined my researching skills and organization skills to assist in their efforts to update their online archives. As the Event Coordinator for the University of Maryland's Middle East Studies department, I plan the logistics, marketing and organization for major events on campus. As an intern for the National Endowment for the Humanities, I worked with Congressional offices to coordinate events and I am familiar with the busy day-to-day affairs that being an intern in the District requires. Lastly, working as the Graduate Advisor for Middle East Studies has allowed me to develop interpersonal skills while working with students and faculty as well as become familiar with how to utilize digital media to promote the department. Overall, I believe that these skills and my aspirations would make me the ideal candidate for this committee. I am happy to answer any further questions you may have and thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Nicholas Misukanis, Ph.D. Student University of Maryland-College Park