

Housing Commission Applicant

tanya m white

Application Date: 07/26/21

Reside in Santa Monica: yes

If yes, number of years: 12 years

Hold an elected position: no

If yes, please specify: NA

Applying for the seat reserved for a Housing Authority Section 8 Program participant: no

Applying for the seat reserved for a Housing Authority Section 8 Program participant who is over the age of 62: no

INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

Current or prior service on city boards/commissions:

NA

Community activities:

Artistic Director, Santa Monica Repertory Theater

Art of Recovery proposal Review Panel

Qualifications, experience, education, and technical or professional requirements:

--Long time, low income resident of Santa Monica

--City of Santa Monica Fellow 2018, 2021 City of Santa Monica Arts Proclamation

--Teaching Artist and producing coordinator for Speak Up! a program working with people who've experienced homelessness in using their personal stories for advocacy of supportive housing

--HR Manager for a restaurant group

--Associate Faculty Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (AMDA) Los Angeles

--BFA Acting/Playwriting; MFA Creating Writing

Areas of demonstrated expertise:

I'm familiar with the city's demographics through creating Santa Monica Repertory Theater strategic plan and the storytelling show we created SHINEOnline. I use public transportation and work as a teaching artist in Santa Monica schools. As an HR manager I'm familiar with bureaucracy and am skilled at collaboration.

Goals:

Supporting the city of Santa Monica in becoming a city focused on the people and communities through housing justice

Vision:

My vision of the housing commission is a body that champions housing justice through examination of city policy, advocacy and collaboration.

--right to return/reparations

--affordable housing

Personal Qualities:

I've been an artist since graduating from college and have navigated working as an actor/writer/director/teaching artist in combination with jobs that supported by creativity. As the Artistic Director of Santa Monica Repertory Theater, leading the company during the pandemic allowed me to work with the ensemble and the community (through SHINEOnline) in re-imagining what we could be as a company. We explored how we can bring theater during and after the pandemic. We produced two online playreading festivals, turned our company meetings into reading new plays for production and are now using a donation-based ticketing so that money is not a barrier for people to engage with the company. I am committed to community, believing and supported by the Wellbeing index that we are so much better off when we feel connected.

Will you be able to commit the necessary time to perform your duties if appointed to the board?

yes

How did you learn about the vacancy in this board or commission? (select all that apply)

Word of Mouth- Council or Board/Commission member, City Staff, neighborhood groups, etc.

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Occupation: Artist

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