



## Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute - 2022 Application

Thank you for your interest in the Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI). We look forward to learning about you and your work. We plan to invite candidates who we believe are a good fit for the program to interview beginning October 25.

### **Tell Us About Yourself**

1. First & Last Name
2. Home Address, include city & zip code
  
3. Preferred Email (this is the email we will use to communicate with you, please make sure it's an email you check regularly).
  
4. Preferred Phone Number
  
5. What is your gender identity? Please circle one.
  - Female
  - Male
  - Nonbinary
  - Prefer not to say
  - Other:
  
7. What is your race and/or ethnicity? Please circle one.
  - Black or African American
  - Pacific Islander or Hawaiian
  - American Indian or Alaskan Native
  - Asian
  - Latinx
  - White
  - Mixed Race
  - Other

8. What is your age range? Please circle one.

- 18-25 years
- 25-30
- 30-40
- 40-50
- 50-60
- 60+

9. In which city council district do you live?

10. Who is your current city council representative?

11. In which county district do you live?

12. Who is your current county supervisor?

13. Do you currently serve on a government commission (or similar body)? Please circle one.

- Yes
- No

13a. If yes, please list the commission.

### **About Your Commitment to Public Service**

14. Urban Habitat requires BCLI fellows to apply to at least one of the commissions [listed](#). Which commission(s) are you interested in applying to, and why?

15. Have you ever advocated a board or commission to advance a policy campaign? Please circle one.

- Yes
- No

15a. If yes, to the previous question, please describe the advocacy activities. Please circle one.

16. Have you ever pursued or held office? Please circle one.

- Yes
- No

16a. If yes to the previous question, which office?

17. Are you interested in pursuing elected office? Please circle one.

- Yes
- No

17a. If yes to the previous question, which office?

18. The goal of the BCLI is to get equity leaders placed on a commission or board. We are asking for a commitment to apply to a board or commission before the end of the 2022 BCLI training.

- Yes, I commit to applying to a board or commission before the end of the BCLI training.
- No, I am unable to commit to applying in that timeframe.

19. Please confirm that you are able to attend all of the webinars and meetings for the BCLI training. In order to ensure that all graduates have a certain level of knowledge and skills to be an effective advocate commissioner once placed on a board or commission, we require that participants attend ALL of the webinars and meetings. (To see a list of the meeting dates, go to the "Apply to the BCLI" webpage. Dates and times are listed on the right-hand bar.) Please circle one.

- Yes, I am able to attend all of the webinars and meetings.
- No, I am unable to attend them all. If no, please list the dates you are not able to attend:

### **Why Are You Applying?**

Tell us more about yourself, and your interest in serving on a commission by answering the following questions. You have a 200-word limit per question.

20. Who do you consider to be your community? Once placed on a commission, how do you plan to hold yourself accountable to that community?

21. What is the change you envision for your community? How will serving on your commission of interest achieve that change?

22. We talk a lot about the inside/outside strategy in BCLI. When you hear this term, what does it mean to you?

23. Urban Habitat's policy focus includes transportation, housing, land use, and environmental justice. Please describe your experience or connection to these issues.

24. What are your concerns about participating in the program and/or serving on a commission, if any?

## **About Your Nominating Organization**

25. How would you categorize your nominating organization: (circle all that apply)

- Commission or Government Agency
- Labor Organization
- Policy Advocacy Organization
- Community-Based or Grassroots Organization
- Faith-Based Organization
- BCLI Alumni
- Other:

### **Nomination Letter**

Your application will not be accepted without a nomination letter from an organization that knows you and your work and is willing to support you as you seek a commission placement and while you are serving on a commission.

Please make sure that your nominating organization addresses the following in your nomination letter. These questions can also be found on the Urban Habitat website.

1. What are your organization's campaign goals? How do you see the applicant advancing these goals on their commission of interest?
2. How will your organization hold the applicant accountable to your campaign goals and members once they are placed on a commission or board?
3. How will your organization support the applicant's service as a commissioner?

Attachments that should accompany your completed application:

- Nomination letter
- Resume
- Bio - We require you send a bio up to 75 words about yourself (if you are chosen for the 2022 cohort this bio will be shared on the Urban Habitat website)
- Headshot – we require you send us a headshot (if you are chosen to be part of the BCLI 2022 cohort, this is the photo we will use on the Urban Habitat website)

Thank you for your interest!