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Garner Planning and Appearance Commission: Submitted

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None Selected

Jihan
First Name

Middle Initial

Hodges
Last Name

1504 Buffalo Rd
Street Address

Suite or Apt

Garner
City

NC
State

27529
Postal Code

What district do you live in?

None Selected

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Email Address

Employer

Job Title

If you live in an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Area, select Yes:

Yes No

In order to assure countywide representation, please indicate your place of residence:

Garner

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

I am interested in joining the Planning Commission for the town of Garner because I am passionate about the community and its future. As a resident of Garner, I have seen firsthand the importance of thoughtful and strategic planning in shaping the growth and development of the town. I believe that serving on the Planning Commission will allow me to contribute my skills and experience to help guide and shape the town's future growth and development in a positive way. Additionally, I have a strong interest in community engagement and development, and I believe that serving on the Planning Commission will provide me with an opportunity to work closely with other community members and stakeholders to identify and address the town's needs and priorities. I am excited about the possibility of being involved in the planning process and working collaboratively to ensure that the town of Garner continues to be a great place to live, work, and play for generations to come.

Work Experience

Speech Pathologist Home Health with Adults and Elderly Patients Aug. 2014 to Present WakeMed Health & Hospitals Raleigh, NC Speech Pathologist Assisted Living and Memory Care Unit Oct. 2017 to Jan. 2019 Legacy Healthcare at Sunrise of Cary and Stoneridge Cary, NC Speech Pathologist Private practice serving patients through the lifespan Feb. 2016 to Sept. 2017 Capitol City Speech Therapy Fuquay Varina, NC Speech Pathologist Short Term Rehab and Long-Term Senior Care Jan. 2015 to Jan. 2016 UNC Rex Healthcare – Rex Rehab and Nursing Care Center Raleigh, NC Speech Pathologist Skilled Nursing Facility Aug. 2014 to Aug. 2015 Liberty Healthcare and Rehab Sanford and Raleigh, NC Speech Pathologist Assisted Living, Short-Term Rehab and Skilled Nursing Facility March 2013 to Sept. 2014 Legacy Healthcare at Universal Healthcare of Lillington Lillington, NC Speech Pathologist Short-Term Rehab and Skilled Nursing Facility July 2012 to Sept. 2014 Rehab Solutions at Sanford Health and Rehabilitation Sanford, NC Speech Pathologist Inpatient Pediatric and Adult TBI and SCI Rehab July 2012 to Feb. 2014 Vidant Medical Center Greenville, NC Speech Pathologist Home and Daycare Based Pediatric Therapy July 2011 to Aug. 2012 Private Contract with Access Speech Therapy Garner, NC Speech Pathologist Contract at Local Elementary and Middle Schools Oct. 2010 to June 2012 EBS Healthcare Smithfield and Angier, NC Speech Pathologist Private Practice July 2008 to Oct. 2010 Carolina Pediatric Dysphagia Raleigh, NC

Volunteer Experience

Recent Volunteer Experience: Downtown Garner Association 2017 – 2021 (Vice Chair 2019-2020 and Chair 2020-2021) Triangle Aphasia Hospitality Workgroup for 2023 Aphasia Access Leadership Summit

Education

MS in Speech Language Pathology 2008 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC
BS in Communication Science and Disorders 2006 The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Greensboro, NC Study Abroad Program 2004 La Universidad de Castilla La Mancha (UNC Greensboro)
Toledo, Spain

Comments

I have several experiences, trainings, and interests that I believe would be useful in the work of the Planning Commission for the town of Garner. Specifically, I served on the Downtown Garner Association Board for four years, first as a board member, then as a co-chair, and finally as chair. Through this experience, I sharpened my skills in community development and collaboration, and developed an understanding of the complexities of planning and executing community-focused initiatives. During my tenure on the board, I successfully planned numerous events, conducted volunteer recruitment procedures, developed and implemented retention strategies, skillfully managed various projects, and established long-lasting and productive working relationships with stakeholders to drive the economic development and overall growth of the community. I also promoted historic preservation and economic development through collaboration and served as a facilitator, decision maker, and change agent to establish the organization as a vital part of the community. Furthermore, I am currently enrolled in the Project Management Institute Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) course, which has further strengthened my understanding of project management methodologies and best practices. I believe that this training, coupled with my experiences on the Downtown Garner Association Board, will allow me to contribute positively to the Planning Commission, particularly in the areas of project planning and management, community engagement, and economic development.

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Demographics



Date of Birth

Gender *

Female

Ethnicity *

Hispanic

Other

Other

How did you become aware of Wake County volunteer opportunities?

Other

If you selected "Other" above, how?

Friend

Jihan Hodges

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ETHICS GUIDELINES FOR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Jihan Hodges

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CORE COMPETENCIES

- Collaborative mindset
- Leadership skills
- Presentation skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Analytical thinking
- Interpersonal skills
- Time management and project scheduling
- Data analysis
- Effective decision-making skills
- Developmental progress analysis
- Counseling strategies
- Meeting facilitation
- Strong work ethics
- Influential and professional communication
- Adaptability
- Fluent in Spanish
- Active listening skills
- Project management
- Process improvement
- Report writing and analysis

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- o Proven track record of driving impactful process improvement initiatives, including streamlining workflow processes, enhancing operational efficiency, and implementing evidence-based best practices.
- o Collaborated with community partners and fostered a culture of continuous improvement, resulting in enhanced outcomes and quality of care.
- o Demonstrated ability to lead and manage cross-functional projects, define project scope, and achieve project goals.
- o Provided onboard training and clinical support to colleagues, utilizing advanced leadership skills and evidence-based approaches to therapy.
- o Exceptional communication, presentation, and reporting skills, with the ability to present project progress, problems, and solutions to stakeholders at all levels.
- o Strong problem-solving and analytical skills, evaluating project results and implementing changes to achieve desired outcomes.
- o Conducted personalized assessments of patients' speech and language deficits, creating individualized care plans, and educating patients, families, and caregivers on assessment results and care plans.
- o Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams and community partners to ensure access to quality care and resources for patients and their caregivers.
- o Maintained compliance with Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance standards through continuous evaluation and treatment effectiveness analysis.
- o Developed and improved treatment plans, progress notes, and reports for medical professionals.
- o Established and maintained collaborative relationships with community partners and colleagues.
- o Collaborated with community partners such as Resources for Seniors, social workers, Meals on Wheels, Dementia Alliance of North Carolina, NC Department of Health and Human Services, etc., to provide patients and caregivers with necessary information and support.
- o Leveraged partnerships to facilitate access to quality care and resources, enhancing the well-being of individuals affected by dementia.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Speech Pathologist

Home Health with Adults and Elderly Patients
WakeMed Health & Hospitals

Aug. 2014 to Present
Raleigh, NC

Speech Pathologist

Assisted Living and Memory Care Unit
Legacy Healthcare at Sunrise of Cary and Stoneridge

Oct. 2017 to Jan. 2019
Cary, NC

Speech Pathologist

Private practice serving patients through the lifespan
Capitol City Speech Therapy

Feb. 2016 to Sept. 2017
Fuquay Varina, NC

Speech Pathologist

Short Term Rehab and Long-Term Senior Care
UNC Rex Healthcare – Rex Rehab and Nursing Care Center

Jan. 2015 to Jan. 2016
Raleigh, NC

Speech Pathologist

Skilled Nursing Facility
Liberty Healthcare and Rehab

Aug. 2014 to Aug. 2015
Sanford and Raleigh, NC

Speech Pathologist

Assisted Living, Short-Term Rehab and Skilled Nursing Facility

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ethical and Legal Issues in Geriatric Rehabilitation MedBridge	December 2021
Practical Strategies to Support Communication Access: Weathering the Storm Mobile Dysphagia Diagnostics dba The Medical SLP Collective	December 2021
Dementia and Capacity for Learning in Rehabilitation Sciences MedBridge	September 2020
Dementia: Therapist's Guide to Behavioral Management MedBridge	September 2020
Dementia: Serving the Disease Process from Beginning to End MedBridge	September 2020
Supporting Aging in Place: Strategies for Persons with MCI Speechpathology.com	December 2015
Documenting to Demonstrate Skilled Service & Focus on Function Speechpathology.com	December 2015
Utilizing ABA in Dementia Management, Part 1: Dementia Types & EBP Speechpathology.com	December 2015

RELEVANT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Associate in Project Management Project Management Institute	In Progress
Monitoring Clinical Research Wake Technical Community College	May 2022
Healthcare Clinical Research Specialist Wake Technical Community College	Dec. 2017

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Vice-Chair/Chair of the Board Downtown Garner Association	2017 – 2021
Recognized for exceptional contributions to economic development and strategic priorities as a board member, co-chair, and chair for the Downtown Garner Association. Facilitated board meetings, planned, scheduled, and managed various projects, coordinated every aspect of event planning, attracted, and recruited new volunteers while developing retention strategies, and organized and inspired others to achieve goals. Promoted historic preservation and economic development through collaboration and served as a facilitator, decision maker, and change agent to establish the organization as a vital part of the community.	

EDUCATION

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Chapel Hill, NC

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Greensboro, NC

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Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Please select your fourth Board preference: *

Board of Adjustment

Please select your fifth Board preference: *

Garner Board of Adjustment

Please select your sixth Board preference: *

Planning Board

Leah
First Name

Forrester
Middle Initial

Green
Last Name

315 Competition Road
Street Address

Suite or Apt

Raleigh
City

NC
State

27603
Postal Code

What district do you live in?

None Selected

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Email Address

Self Employed
Employer

Realtor/Investor
Job Title

If you live in an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Area, select Yes:

Yes No

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Garner

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

I am interested in volunteering opportunities and to get involved with my community. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve my local area.

Work Experience

I have a background in healthcare, and for the last ten years I have worked as a real estate broker. The past two years I have worked as a broker full-time. Also, I have been working as a real estate investor for the past year and a half.

Volunteer Experience

Garner Chamber of Commerce Ambassador. HOA vice president of my neighborhood. Dental bus that provides free dental care to those in need.

Education

BS Integrative Professional Studies 2022 University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Comments

I am excited for the opportunity to serve my community. Thank you for your consideration.

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Demographics

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Gender *

Female

Leah Forrester Green

Ethnicity *

Caucasian

Other

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County Website

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leahgreensells@gmail.com

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
BS Integrated Professional Studies December 2022

Broker In Charge Course Completion (2018)

Paul D. Camp Community College, Suffolk VA
Associates Degree General Studies May 2006

Orange County High School, Orange VA
Graduated: June 1997

EXPERIENCE

ELI Properties

Partner/Owner (2021-present)

-Responsible for property acquisition for the purpose of renovation and reselling. Create and work within budget to complete each project. Manage trades for timely completion of work and quality workmanship. Design projects from renovation to final color schemes and staging. Work with local town zoning offices and surveyors to subdivide or combine lots, based on the goals of the project. Management of mid-term rental furnishing, turnover, and scheduling.

Ridge Realty Group, by EXP Realty

Owner (2020-Present)

-Work with sellers and buyers to navigate current market conditions, negotiate contracts, schedule inspections and repairs, as needed. Research permits and covenants and coordinate with lenders, attorneys, and agents to ensure a smooth transaction for my clients.

Realtor

Raleigh Cary Realty (2013-2016 and 2018-2020)

Reedy Creek Realty (2016-2018)

-Licensed realtor responsible for assisting buyers and sellers through the home sales process.

Forrester Innovation, LLC

Property Manager (2011-2020)

-Managed a portfolio of short- and long-term rental properties, vetted tenants for long term rental, managed short term rentals through Airbnb, responsible for overseeing cosmetic changes in properties, as well as systems repairs such as AC/heating, electricity, and plumbing. Hired and scheduled cleaning crews and coordinated turnover.

PAST EXPERIENCE

Dental Assistant 1996-2020

-Responsible for general chair side assisting, supply ordering and management, x-rays, patient care, OSHA officer, billing and office management duties for multiple large practices over the course of 24-year career.

Sunrise School of Dental Assisting
Raleigh, NC

Instructor Assistant (September 2011-September 2013)

-Responsible for setting up labs, mentoring students, grading assignments, tests and quizzes. Taught during times of instructor absence. Routinely taught radiology unit due to my particular experience in this area.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

X-RAY CERTIFIED (1996)

CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANT (October 2010)

RADIOGRAPHY WORKSHOP FOR PROPRIETARY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

INVISALIGN CLEAR ESSENTIALS 1

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SPICE CERTIFIED

CORONAL POLISHING CERTIFIED

VOLUNTEER WORK

Ambassador for the Garner Chamber of Commerce (2021-present)

-Served as liaison between the Chamber and its members while representing my real estate business. Volunteer at Chamber events, network and relationship building to strengthen the Chamber and the businesses served.

Vice President Eagle Ridge Homeowners' Association (2021-2022)

MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Realtors

North Carolina Association of Realtors

Raleigh Association of Realtors

Garner Chamber of Commerce