

Application Form

Profile

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First Name

Johnson

Middle Initial

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email Address

Community Solutions

Employer

Chief of Staff

Job Title

[REDACTED]

Home Address

[REDACTED]

Suite or Apt

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

State

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing Connect: Submitted

Referred by:

Qualifications

Please tell us about yourself.

I'm a Salt Lake City native passionate about ending homelessness. I returned to Salt Lake in 2019 after fifteen years working at national and international non-profits focused on homelessness and public health, most recently in Chicago. I'm currently Chief of Staff at Community Solutions, a national non-profit working with 98 cities and counties toward a lasting end to homelessness. My main areas of expertise are strategic planning, program operations, and fundraising. I am grateful to be raising two children in a city with stunning natural beauty and so much else to offer. I'm proud to have converted my husband, who has fallen in love with the area and even persuaded his parents to move from Texas to Murray this year! We enjoy hiking, visiting museums and libraries, and being dragged by our three-year-old to Wheeler Farm just about every weekend.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I love my full-time job, but my focus there is both national and 30,000 feet above the ground. I believe in local government as the primary driver for fostering thriving communities. I deeply enjoyed my time as a board member with the Chicago Continuum of Care before we moved back to Utah, and I've been looking for a similarly meaningful opportunity in Salt Lake. I have seen the tremendous impact Housing Authorities can have on the lives of formerly homeless residents and others who face obstacles to accessing stable housing. Housing Connect is one of the best examples there is, "walking the walk" when it comes to meeting the needs of lower-income individuals, formerly homeless people, seniors, recent immigrants, veterans, people with disabilities or chronic illnesses, and others. I am inspired by their mission and how effective they have been in meeting it, and would love to learn more to become a better community member and to inform the work I do nationally.

What education, work experience, or volunteer experience do you have that applies to the board you are applying for?

If appointed, I would bring a Master's in Public Policy, four years as an executive director of a homelessness institute based in Chicago, and three years running strategy and Board management for a homelessness non-profit. I have served on three boards, including the Chicago Continuum of Care, a local planning body that coordinates federal homelessness assistance funds.

What unique perspectives could you bring to the board?

I could bring insights related to managing and raising funds for a large organization in a similar field. I could pull in national perspectives related to serving populations with challenges accessing secure housing, especially related to people experiencing homelessness. I manage a complex, 10-member Board in my full-time job, so would hope to both learn and share insights on Board management and effectiveness where it's helpful to the Executive Director.

[KJohnsonResume2021.pdf](#)

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Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Are you a Salt Lake County employee?

Yes No

Are you a current member of another Salt Lake County board or commission?

Yes No

Race/Ethnicity *

District *

District 1

Gender Pronouns *

Age Range *



Languages *

English

Political Affiliation

None Selected