

Application Form

Introduction

Applications will remain on file for a **one-year period**. You are welcome to re-apply at that time if you are still interested and have not been appointed to serve.

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I hereby acknowledge that the information I provide in this application is subject to disclosure pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Laws, and that I provide the information contained in this application freely and voluntarily, and that I consent to such disclosure pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Laws, and that I waive, release and discharge the City of Raleigh, its agents, employees and elected and appointed officials, from any liability related to disclosure of any information provided herein.

I Agree

Profile

Prefix
 First Name
 Middle Initial
 Last Name
 Suffix

Email Address

Primary Phone

Home Address
 Suite or Apt
 State
 Postal Code

City
 Job Title

 Employer

If uncertain about your Council District, visit the RaleighNC.gov and search by your address in the "**Find Your Services by Address**" section. Your council district will be displayed directly below the picture of your Council Member.

What district do you live in? *

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: On Agenda

Davon Murray

How did you hear about this application processes?

City staff

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

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

Having a people first approach, the planning commission will allow me to directly see how "planning" will shape my community's development, advocate and bridge neighborhood residents with informed information on official land-use decisions. It will enable me to advocate for local needs, influence long-term growth policies, build relationships with city leaders, and ensure neighborhood voices are heard.

Please describe your work, education and volunteer experience in the following sections or optionally upload a resume.

Work Experience

Education

Volunteer Experience

[Resume_2026.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Upload any additional documentation

Demographics

Demographics - Voluntary - Not Required

Disclaimer: This Demographics Section of the Application is **not required** and by completing it, I do so **voluntarily** and acknowledge that the information I provide in this application is subject to disclosure pursuant to the **North Carolina Public Records Laws**, and that I provide the information contained in this application **freely and voluntarily**, and that **I consent** to such disclosure pursuant to the **North Carolina Public Records Laws**, and that **I waive, release and discharge** the City of Raleigh, its officers, officials (elected and appointed), employees and agents, from any liability related to disclosure of any information provided herein.

Purpose: Raleigh City Council Resolution No. 302(1986) establishes a policy that City Boards and Commissions be representative of the City's residents. The following **voluntary** questions are asked with the goal of meeting this policy and ensure diverse representation on City Boards and Commissions.

Davon Murray

Which age group describes you?

51 - 60

Gender:

Female

Ethnicity:

Choose not to identify

Sexual Orientation:

Heterosexual

For the following question, how would you define your race?
Please consider the following sub-groupings for race:

- Asian: (Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam)
- Black or African American: (Haitian, Jamaican, Nigerian, Somali)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: (person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands)
- White: (Irish, German, English)

You may select more than one.

Race *

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- Multi-racial

Marginalized communities include those who have been [historically excluded](#) from involvement in our cities, as well as those continuing to face other barriers to civic participation. This includes those marginalized by factors like race, wealth, immigration status, and sexual orientation.

For the following question, do you identify as part of a marginalized group? If so please list and consider the following examples for marginalized groups:

- veterans
- seniors
- hearing, visually, and physically challenged persons
- women and girls
- formerly incarcerated people

Marginalized Group

Board Specific Criteria

Accurate and Complete

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I hereby certify and affirm that all of the information provided by me in this application (or any other accompanying or required documents) is correct, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the falsification, misrepresentation or omission of any facts in said documents may be cause for disqualification of my application or my immediate removal from a board or commission.

I Agree

Davon Murray

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SUMMARY

Dedicated Legal Professional and Community Advocate with over 20 years of experience navigating complex legal systems and civic structures. I'm a resourceful problem-solver who pairs high-level paralegal expertise with a genuine passion for community leadership. I have a proven track record of bridging the gap between big institutions and everyday people through clear communication, smart research, and proactive representation.

KEY STRENGTHS & ADVOCACY FOCUS

- **Connecting Communities:** I act as a natural bridge between the public and government officials, making sure neighborhood voices are heard and included in city planning.
- **Leadership with Vision:** Whether it's managing a board or overseeing a budget, I focus on transparent governance and reaching long-term goals that benefit everyone.
- **People-First Mediation:** I use my background in psychology and the law to help neighbors, vendors, and organizations find common ground and resolve disagreements fairly.
- **Breaking Down the Details:** I'm skilled at translating complex city ordinances and legal jargon into clear information so communities understand exactly how changes affect them.

LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

South Raleigh Community Advisory Council (CAC) | Raleigh, NC

Chairperson | March 2026 – Present

- Elected to serve as the lead voice for South Raleigh, bringing residents and city leaders together for honest, productive dialogue.
- Run public meetings focused on making our neighborhoods safer and better resourced, ensuring city policy reflects what people actually need.

Homeowners Association (HOA) | Raleigh, NC

President | 2024 – Present

- Lead the board with a focus on neighborhood pride and clear communication.
- Handle everything from vendor contracts to resident concerns, always working to keep our community a great place to live.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Federal Defenders of the Eastern District of North Carolina | Raleigh, NC

Paralegal / Senior Legal Assistant | May 2012 – Present

- Dive deep into legal research and discovery to build strong cases for criminal defense.
- Draft motions and keep the lines of communication open between judges, agencies, and our clients.
- Created a more approachable interview process to ensure our clients feel heard and their cases are documented accurately.

Wake County Public Defender | Raleigh, NC

Felony Legal Assistant | April 2008 – May 2012

- Provided hands-on support for felony cases, from interviewing clients to coordinating witnesses.
- Kept a fast-paced office running smoothly by managing high-volume filings and strict court dates.

Orange County Public Defender's Office | Chapel Hill, NC

Office Manager / Principal Assistant | December 1998 – July 2003

- Kept the office organized and the team motivated while supporting the Chief Public Defender.
- Led staff meetings to roll out new policies and find ways to work more efficiently together.

TECHNICAL SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

- **Certifications:** Notary Public (North Carolina)
- **Legal Tools:** Westlaw, LexisNexis, PACER, Case Management (ECA/Genisys), Legal Writing.
- **Professional:** MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Team Leadership & Staff Supervision.

EDUCATION

Regent University | Virginia Beach, VA

Psychology (2 Years of Completed Study)

- I apply my two years of psychology studies every day to better understand people, mediate conflicts, and advocate for my community.

Alamance Community College | Graham, NC

Criminal Justice Studies