



CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM
 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR - ALLEN JOINES
**CITIZEN APPLICATION FOR ADVISORY
 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Date:

2/12/2024

Last Name: Louis **First Name:** Finney **Middle Initial:** A____
Gender: _____ **Male** _____ **Race:** _____ **Black** _____ **Birthdate:** 25, August 1971
Email : louisafinneyjr@gmail.com **Home Phone :** **Daytime Phone :** 813-336-8215
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Home Address: 6718 Capstone Court, Winston-Salem 27045

Live in Winston-Salem City Limits? Yes No **Live in Forsyth County?** Yes No

Are you a graduate of City of Winston-Salem University? Yes No **Year** _____

Current Occupation/Title: President/CEO

Employer/Business Name: Smart Start of Forsyth County, NC _____

Business Address (with zip code): 7820 North Point Boulevard, Suite 200, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Supervisor's Name: Pastor Tembila Covington _____

Education: High School College Graduate School Other: Doctor Degree in Business Administration

Degree and Subject of Study: Transformational Leadership

School Name/Years Attended: University of Maryland Eastern Shore (Criminal Law) B.S., Wilmington University, Masters in Public Administration, Liberty University, Doctors in Business Administration, Transformational Leadership

Applying for Board/Commission (enter one): _____

Why are you interested in serving on that Board/Commission? Serving on a commission or committee for the City Council of Winston-Salem, NC, is a fantastic opportunity to positively impact our community, and I'm excited about the prospect. As a dedicated community servant and U.S. Army Veteran, I have some compelling reasons to contribute:

1. **Community Impact:** I'm eager to actively shape policies and decisions that directly affect our local community. This appointment is a chance to address important issues, making a real and positive difference in the lives of our residents.
2. **Civic Engagement:** Being part of a commission is a powerful way to engage with our democratic process. I want to be an integral part of local governance, ensuring diverse perspectives are considered in the decision-making process.
3. **Expertise and Passion:** Drawing from my expertise in areas like public safety and community services, gained through my military, human service, and education experiences, I'm excited to channel that knowledge into actionable initiatives. This will contribute to more effective and informed decision-making.
4. **Building a Better Future:** I'm committed to playing a role in the long-term development and enhancement of Winston-Salem. By actively contributing to the city's growth and addressing challenges, I hope to leave a positive legacy for generations to come.
5. **Representation:** I am passionate about ensuring that the voices of all community members are heard. Serving on a commission provides a platform to represent the interests of diverse groups within Winston-Salem, fostering a more inclusive and equitable decision-making process.

In essence, being appointed to a commission or committee for the City Council of Winston-Salem is a meaningful way for me to engage with my community, apply my skills and passions, and actively contribute to the betterment of the city. It's an exciting opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of my fellow residents and play a role in shaping the future of Winston-Salem.

What Board or Commission are you currently serving (if applicable)? None _____

_____ Term Expiration Date: _____

Are you willing to serve on any other Board/Commission? Yes No

If yes, please list: Citizens Police Review Board, City-County Planning Board, Human Relations Committee

Are you interested in serving in any other community volunteer activities? Yes No

If yes, please list: _____

Interests/Skills/Areas of Expertise/Professional Organizations: Being a community volunteer and serving as a city board member requires a diverse set of skills to effectively contribute to the well-being and development of the community. My diverse skills include ethical decision making, advocacy, community engagement and an expertise in nonprofit management. My Professional Organizations include, the Immediate past President of the Winston Salem Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., Lifetime member of the Disability Veterans

Association, Board member of the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Immediate Past President of the National Association for Family Childcare and a member of the WS/FC Public Schools Diversity and Equity and Committee, Leadership Winston Insight Class of 2023.

List two professional references below:

1. Name: Tembila Convington _____ Daytime Telephone:
_910-224-7023

Address: _____

Relationship: Board Chair of SSFC

2. Name: Chris Leak _____ Daytime Telephone:
336-558-7417 _____

Address: _____

Relationship: Member of Community Organization

AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Has any formal charge of professional misconduct, criminal misdemeanor or felony ever been filed against you in any jurisdiction? Yes No

If yes, explain complete disposition.

_____ NA _____

Is there any possible conflict of interest or other matter that would create problems or prevent you from fairly and impartially discharging your duties as an appointee to a Board/Commission? Yes No

If yes, explain.

_____ NA _____

I understand this application is public record, and I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize and consent to background checks and to the investigation and verification of all statements contained herein. I further authorize all information concerning my qualifications to be investigated and release all parties from all liability for any damage that may result from this investigation. I understand and agree that any misstatement or conduct will be the cause for my removal from any board or commission.

Signature of Applicant:  _____ Date:

2/12/2024 _____

PLEASE ATTACH RESUME

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Mayor's Office, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Website: <http://www.CityofWS.org/Government/PublicMeetings>

Email: MayorsOffice@CityofWS.org Fax: 336-748-3241 Telephone: 336-727-2058

***Note:** Applications will be kept on file for two years from the date of application.*