

## Citizen Board and Commission Application

First Name & Middle Initial      Suzanne C.

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Last Name      Epermanis

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Gender      Female

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Race      White

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Birthdate      11/10/1962

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Email      [suzannewcooke@yahoo.com](mailto:suzannewcooke@yahoo.com)

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Phone      336-830-3471

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Additional Phone      *Field not completed.*

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Address      204 Canterbury Trail

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City      Winston-Salem

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State      NC

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Zip Code      27104

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Do you live in Winston-Salem City limits?      Yes

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Do you live in Forsyth County?      Yes

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Are you a graduate of the City of Winston-Salem University?      No

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Education	High School, College, Graduate School
School Name/Years Attended	Allgeheny College 1984; UNC-Chapel Hill 1989
Degree & Subject of Study	BS Economics; MBA Operations Management
Current Employer Name	Early retirement from Wells Fargo Bank
Job Title	Product mgr; internet & intranet website mgr; HR training consultant

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Applying for Board/Commission (Enter One):	Transit Authority
What Board or Commission are you currently serving?	none
Why are you interested in serving on that Board/Commission?	I strongly believe that geographic mobility is a critical component of maximizing the economic mobility and individual opportunity available to all our citizens. Understanding the history, context, challenges and opportunities for supporting our residents in cost-effective ways that meet the needs of our population today is what motivates me to participate on this board. Even though I ultimately decided to pursue an MBA rather than an MS in transportation, the science of moving people and goods throughout the economy has always been an area of personal interest. I was pleased to learn about the county commissioners' recent decision to launch and continue the Forsyth Rides program, and I spoke in support of the project as a valuable learning experiment (let's see how the public responds, and let's learn how it complements/enhances

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WSTA) at the commissioners' March 2024 public meeting. The interplay of urban planning, economic development, transportation systems and budget constraints will always present us with many varied challenges & opportunities. I would sincerely like to be part of a citizen group that explores those opportunities in partnership with the city staff and City Council, for the current and future benefit of our city and its residents.

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Are you willing to serve on any other Board/Commission?      Yes

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Please List      Zoning Board of Adjustment; Affordable Housing Coalition; Commission on Ending Homelessness

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Are you interested in serving in any other community volunteer activities?      Yes

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Please List      Already a regular volunteer with Meals on Wheels; previous volunteer with multiple other local NPO's

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Interests/Skills/Areas of Expertise/Professional Organizations      Strategic thinking, problem solving, intellectual curiosity, communications, group facilitation, organization, project management, personal introspection, love of learning, Myers-Briggs Type INFP. Full-time parent and community volunteer following early retirement from Wells Fargo. Graduate of Leadership Winston-Salem. Occasional non-partisan public commenter at City Council and County Commissioners meetings. Active member of Centenary United Methodist Church, Duke Divinity School Board of Visitors, and several other local and regional organizations. Full resume will be sent separately via email to Mayor's Office.

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List Two Professional References

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First Name	Doug
Last Name	Haynes
Address	1037 Greenhurst Rd
City	Winston-Salem
State	NC
Zip Code	27104
Phone	919-809-0005
Relationship	Co-instructor of "Political Talk" dialogue course

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First Name	Glenn
Last Name	Kinken
Address	646 W 5th Street
City	Winston-Salem
State	NC
Zip Code	27101
Phone	336-724-6311
Relationship	Senior minister at Centenary UMC

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Affirmation of Eligibility

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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? No

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I understand this application is public record, and I certify 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 damages that may result from this investigation. I understand and agree any misstatement or conduct will be cause for my removal from any board or commission.

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Signature Suzanne Cooke Epermanis

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Date 7/8/2024

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Return Completed Form  
Mayor's Office  
P.O. Box 2511  
Winston- Salem, NC 27102  
Phone: 336-727-2058  
Fax: 336-748-3241  
[Email the Mayor's Office](#)

*Please include your resume when submitting your application.*

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

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