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Application Form--Food Policy Advisory Board

Information for Applicants

Thank you for your interest!

Applications are due November 5, 2021 by 5 p.m. Interviews will be conducted as a ZOOM webinar. The City Clerk Office will contact you to schedule an interview.

Please note: All applications are included in City Council packets and published on the City website.

Position

Which position(s) are you applying for? Regular Member

Contact Information

Name: Claire Battaglia

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Daytime Phone: 406-214-4231

Alternate Contact Phone: *Field not completed.*

Street Address: 324 East Spruce Street

City, State: Missoula, MT

Zip: 59802

Is your street address the same as your mailing address? Yes

Background

Do you live in City limits? Yes

How long have you been a city resident? 5 years

In which ward do you reside?	1
Are you a U.S. citizen?	Yes
Are you registered to vote?	Yes
Current Occupation:	student
Current Employer:	N/A
If you'd like, you can attach a resume or other document for the City Council to consider.	Claire Battaglia - Resume - FPAB.pdf
Briefly describe your educational background:	I have a B.A. in Political Science, a graduate-level certification in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), and am currently pursuing a graduate degree in Data Analytics and Computational Social Science. My goal in this is specifically to further my work in public policy creation and analysis and it's been exciting to see how I'll be able to apply this new knowledge base and skill set to this board's work.
List of community service experience:	I believe firmly that building and shaping our community is a participatory process and that we each have something valuable to offer. I have been active as the City of Missoula's alternate member of this board, as a member of the Eat Smart Coalition, the Food Access Committee, the Beginning Farmer & Rancher Committee, and as a volunteer for the Missoula Food Bank. While much of my service has been grounded in food system change, I also run and volunteer regularly for various races in the region.
What is your interest in serving on this board, commission, or committee?	<p>My philosophy is that everything begins with food—from our individual health to the health of our communities and of the very land and animals that feed us. I am committed to moving towards a food system that is more healthful, more sustainable, and more just. As I hope both my professional and service experience demonstrate, I am passionate about this work!</p> <p>It's been an honor to be a part of this board and I would love to continue contributing in this increased capacity as a regular, voting member.</p>
Do you have any special knowledge, interest, or experience that would qualify you	I have diverse experience in food system development, both here in Missoula and elsewhere. The breadth of my experience has allowed me to develop a nuanced understanding of the complexities of our food system. From managing one of

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Missoula's farmers markets to working with the Community Food & Agriculture Coalition on a variety of projects, to my work for the Western Montana Growers Cooperative, I have unique insight into how all of the pieces fit together. This is important when developing policy, as even policies with a seemingly small scope can have far-reaching implications for individuals and entities in every corner of the food system.

The diversity of my work within Missoula's food system has also allowed me to foster relationships with people and entities interacting with our food system in all different ways. This means that when issues are raised on the board, I have a keen awareness of whose voices need to be added to the conversation. This is important as we work towards improving our food system for all Missoulians.

References

Please provide two references.

Reference 1

Name: Dave Prather [REDACTED]

Phone: *Field not completed.*

Reference 2

Name: Elizabeth Weaver

Phone: [REDACTED]

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If you'd prefer, you can mail or deliver your completed application and attachments to:

City Clerk Office
435 Ryman St.
Missoula, MT 59802

*There is a drop box located at the Ryman Street entrance where you can place your materials.

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