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Grant Melton

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Food Policy Advisory Board (2)	1	Pending	Remove

Basic Information

Name

Grant Melton

Resume File

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Brief resume of educational background:

I grew up in a small town, similar to Missoula, in Ohio. After high school, I attended Columbia College. My education took me to New York where I lived in work for 10 years. Two years ago my partner (who was born and raised here) and I moved to Missoula to put down roots. For me, part of that means getting involved in the local community.

Work experience you feel is relevant to this particular board:

In addition to working as a food journalist and television producer, I'm also very politically active. I was a full-time volunteer for Elizabeth Warren and then a full-time digital organizer for Biden-Harris in 2020. I'm now full employed and work remotely but would love to get involved on a Missoula County board. My work as an organizer taught me that to bring jot to the fight and always meet people where they're at.

Previous community service (boards, etc):

None

Number of years as a resident of Missoula County:

2

Please list three personal references and explain why you wish to serve on this board or committee.

I'm interested in two boards: Food Policy Advisory Board & Planning and Zoning Commission

I'm interested in the Food Policy Board because my professional background has given me the opportunity to learn a lot about food, how people consume it and what we can do to help teach more about the systems at a local level. Part of the reason I love Missoula is because of it's passion for small-business, local makers and farmers. As a member of the Food Policy Board I want to help people realize that good, high-quality, nutritious food is accessible to them no matter their budget.

I'm very interested in the Planning & Zoning Commission. As a current renter and person who makes a fair salary, I find Missoula to be increasingly an unaffordable place to live. I think the Zoning & Planning Commission is first step in creating more equitable housing, more opportunities for small businesses and bring growth to Missoula all while preserving its charm and unique qualities. There's validity in wanting to keep Missoula how it is and wanting Missoula to continue to growth. It's the Zoning & Planning Commissions responsibility to find compromise and do what's best for the community it represents.

References (please inquire for more information)

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