

Planning Board

Applicant Package - Alternate 1

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Term:01 Nov 2022 - 31 Dec 2024

Positions Available: 1

Number of applicants in this package: 1

- Thompson, Eliot

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Board Name :Planning Board

Daytime Phone: :217-821-3895

Is your mailing address different than your physical address? :

No

How long have you been a city resident? :5 years

In which ward do you reside? :

Ward 3

Are you registered to vote? :

Yes

Current Occupation :Student

Briefly describe your educational background :

I have a political science degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and am expected to graduate from the Alexander Blewett III School of Law here in Missoula in 2024

What is your interest in serving on this board, commission or committee? :

As a renter, I'm acutely aware of Missoula's housing crisis, and I hope to make housing more affordable and attainable through local government planning. I also hope to help foster an environment that promotes sustainable growth while maintaining Missoula unique local character.

What special knowledge, interest, or experience do you possess that would qualify you for a position on this board commission, or committee? :

I served as an AmeriCorps member for Missoula County's Sustainability Program for two years, which involved developing a working knowledge of local government planning and involved working closely with county planners and staff. I also have experience with statutory interpretation from working with the Sierra Club during the last Montana legislative session and as a law student. As a law student, I'm focusing on environmental law, and I'm hoping to use my environmental background to help Missoula continue to plan sustainably.

Reference 1 Name :Caitlin Piserchia

Reference 2 Name :Michelle Bryan

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Attachments:

- Eliot Resume 2022.pdf

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EXPERIENCE

Sierra Club MT Chapter | Administrative Assistant | August 2020 - October 2021

- Created and distributed fact sheets for pending legislation
- Composed and sent legislative alerts to members and supporters for the 2021 state legislative session
- Performed clerical duties and managed Chapter accounting information
- Solved member account and donation questions
- Designed and maintained the Chapter website and other digital tools

Self | Freelance Legal Assistant | October 2019 - May 2021

- Researched and interpreted case law and wrote sentencing memoranda for criminal court cases
- Drafted memoranda of law for federal compassionate release cases
- Researched and wrote memoranda for sentencing guidelines, mental health, and expert witnesses

AmeriCorps, Missoula County, MT | Sustainability Educator | October 2017 - August 2019

- Calculated government operations emissions and future scenarios and possible emissions targets for a climate action plan
- Researched other local government climate action strategies and plans to inform emission reduction targets for the county's climate action resolution for government operations
- Collaborated with governmental agencies and community organizations for the county's resiliency planning process
- Co-authored the Missoula County-Wide Climate and Community Primer and the Vulnerability Assessment
- Coordinated with planners and public works staff to streamline permitting for solar energy installation to achieve the first Department of Energy-sponsored SolSmart Silver designation for a Montana county
- Facilitated discussions for community workshops, dialogues, and open houses to inform and solicit feedback for government initiatives, including the county's land use map update and resiliency plan

City of Monticello, IL | Community Development Intern | June 2016 - December 2016

- Created a recommended street tree list and presented it to the Planning and Zoning Board
- Assisted city staff in submitting a grant application for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program
- Compared similar communities' building codes and wrote recommendations for a proposed update to the 2012 ICC building and property maintenance codes

EDUCATION

Alexander Blewett III School of Law, Missoula, MT

Juris Doctor anticipated May, 2024

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Minor in History, 2017

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club

Compliance Officer November 2019 - Current