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## Application Form--Planning Board

### Information for Applicants

Thanks for your interest!

Applications are due Friday April 9, 2021 by 5 p.m.

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

### Position

Which position(s) are you applying for? Alternate (votes in the absence of a regular City appointee)

### Contact Information

Name: Erin Miller

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Street Address: 503 S. 5th St. E., Unit A

City, State: Missoula, MT

Zip: 59801

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

### Background

Do you live within City limits? Yes

How long have you been a city resident? 3 years

In which ward do you reside?	3
Are you a U.S. citizen?	Yes
Are you registered to vote?	Yes
Current Occupation:	Statewide Organizing Manager
Current Employer:	Forward Montana/ Forward Montana Foundation
If you'd like, you can attach a resume or other document for the City Council to consider.	<a href="#">Erin C. Miller _ Planning Board, Resume 2021.pdf</a>
Briefly describe your educational background:	<p>I've spent most of my academic and professional career in the nonprofit sector, either in direct service or community organizing. I have a B.A. in communication studies and a B.A. in Spanish and I pride myself on my ability to communicate with folks from different backgrounds and lived experiences (both in English and in Spanish). While in college, I spent a year living in Buenos Aires, Argentina where I studied at the Universidad de Belgrano for a semester and later worked for a tourism company while interning for a human rights organization, Pílares.</p> <p>I worked as the Program Assistant and later the Program Coordinator for a nonprofit in Louisville called Doors to Hope where we served Hispanic/ Latinx immigrant families in our community. This required a lot of thoughtfulness around culture, language, and norms which I adapted to as needed to make sure everyone felt heard and valued.</p> <p>Through my work at Forward Montana, I've attended numerous trainings around digital organizing, issue advocacy, and voting access, among other topics. I'm happy to speak more specifically on my past experience that I didn't list on my resume, including my time as a Clerk for the Louisville Free Public Library and as an Undergraduate Assistant at Western Kentucky University.</p>
List of community service experience:	I'm involved in a number of local coalitions in Missoula which I feel speaks to my dedication to our community and the perspective I'd bring to the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board. I've been a member of the Missoula Home Coalition (MHC) since it's conception and a member of the coalition's leadership team for just over a year.

The MHC advocates for homes all Missoulians can afford primarily through public policy and aims to bolster the work of A Place to Call Home by convening, educating, and mobilizing stakeholders to advocate for more community-responsive policy. Other members of the MHC include Homeward, Trust Montana, NeighborWorks Montana, and the Missoula Housing Authority, among others. I also worked closely with the Office of Community Planning, Development, and Innovation in 2019 when I trained a team of canvassers to survey Missoula neighborhoods to gain community input on specific housing policy.

I also participate in Missoula's IDEA for Racial Justice coalition which works to uplift and promote the advocacy work of BIPOC Montanans and respond to instances involving racism in our community. I have on-going strong relationships within the University, within the City of Missoula, and with countless nonprofits and businesses in our community as a result of partnerships to promote voter registration and voter education through Forward Montana.

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

I moved to Missoula in January 2018, shortly before the Werwath report was published, and the energy around housing was palpable. The creation of the Missoula Home Coalition became my gateway into the housing world and I have been incredibly passionate about housing policy ever since, especially around ensuring community members are educated about housing policy that directly affects them and moreover, that they have the ability to impact said policy.

I followed closely along as A Place to Call Home was being drafted in 2019 and submitted countless supportive public comments on various aspects of that plan. I participated in the Downtown Master Plan community meetings and as of this week, am excited to see ongoing development plans for Envision West Broadway. As the Missoula Field Manager, I worked closely with the ASUM Renter Center and other housing partners to promote engagement opportunities specifically for renters.

By serving on this board, I hope to refine and build upon a lot of the knowledge I've gained over the last three years as it relates to housing. I feel confident in my knowledge around growth policies and zoning regulations and while I'm excited to learn more, I think I can bring a unique community-centered perspective to these complex conversations. Since working closely with the City of Missoula and seeing firsthand their desire to engage with the community in a more robust way, I

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find the purpose of this board incredibly meaningful to work toward a Missoula that houses everyone.

Do you have any special knowledge, interest, or experience that would qualify you for a position on this board, commission, or committee?

Again, I think my experience serving on the Missoula Home Coalition and working with various housing partners, including developers, has given me a holistic perspective on the housing situation in Missoula. I have made numerous connections in Missoula through my work at Forward Montana and feel strongly about incorporating public input on housing policy as well as offering recommendations to growth policies that will be the most impactful for our community. Being a member of this board would be such an exciting opportunity for that very reason.

I value clear, transparent communication and bring that to every aspect of my work. I feel confident in my skills to work with folks of differing opinions or backgrounds as I do that for my day job every day. I can absolutely commit to the two meetings each month (and whatever other duties as needed) for the duration of this term and would look forward to being a part of this important work.

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## References

Please provide two references.

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### Reference 1

Name:

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Phone:

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### Reference 2

Name:

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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

\*Please note the City Clerk Office is currently closed to the public. There is a drop box located at the Ryman Street entrance where you can place your materials.

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