



BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

Redevelopment Authority

GCRA meets at 12:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 301 University Ridge, Greenville.

Personal Information

Name:	James Hammond	Birthdate:	
Prefix:	Mr.	City/State/Zip:	
Home Address:		Phone #:	
Email:		Driver's License #:	
Voter Registration #:		Occupation:	newspaper Journalist, Author
Employer:	Retired	School Attended:	Blue Ridge High School
Highest Degree Earned:	High School	Field of Study:	general
Year of Graduation:	1964	Social Media Profile:	
Linked In Profile:			

Experience / Certifications / Interest

Military Experience:

United States Navy, 1966–1970. Achieved rank of E–5 (Photographer).

Certifications:

NA

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

NA

Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):

School Improvement Council, Ridgeview High School, Columbia, SC.

My interest in serving on the Redevelopment Authority is:

To participate in improving housing opportunities for low income people and families.

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:

To serve on a 12–member board that supervises and approves procedures and actions of the Development Authority's staff.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Redevelopment Authority:

I have already served six years on the board. My experience on the board, and during my working life as a reporter and newspaper editor, enable me to seek answers for issues that have not been addressed, to assess the likely effectiveness of staff actions, and to represent Greenville County's efforts to ease the affordable housing shortfall.

My community topics of concern that relate to the Redevelopment Authority are:

In the past, the agency operated solely on federal funds, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Six years ago, Then executive director John Castile negotiated a substantial contribution by County Council to increase GCRA's ability to provide more affordable housing. One of my major goals is to see that local support continue and grow, so that working people (teachers, nurses, firefighters, police, etc.) can afford to live in Greenville County.

Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

Do you **currently** hold an elected or appointed office or commission?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

I currently sit on the board of the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority.

Have you **previously** held an elected or appointed office or commission?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

This is my second term on the GCRA board. I hope to have the opportunity to serve a third term.

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Are you currently, or have you ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Additional Questions

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check?

Yes No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the Redevelopment Authority?

Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Redevelopment Authority?

Yes No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to boards and commissions?

Yes No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position?

Yes No

Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Do you or a member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Do you or a member of your immediate family financially benefit from the actions of this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

I pay property taxes in Greenville County, which benefit all residents in myriad ways.

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Statement of Agreement and Understanding

Electronic Signature Agreement. By selecting the "Submit" button, you are signing this Application electronically (e-signature), you agree your "e-signature" is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Application. Additionally, you agree to and attest to the following:

All information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the County Council office.

I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the seat for which I am applying.

I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a year may result in my removal from the board.

I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq., and any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act may be subject for removal.

I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.

Signature: James T. Hammond

Date: 9/4/2024

Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.